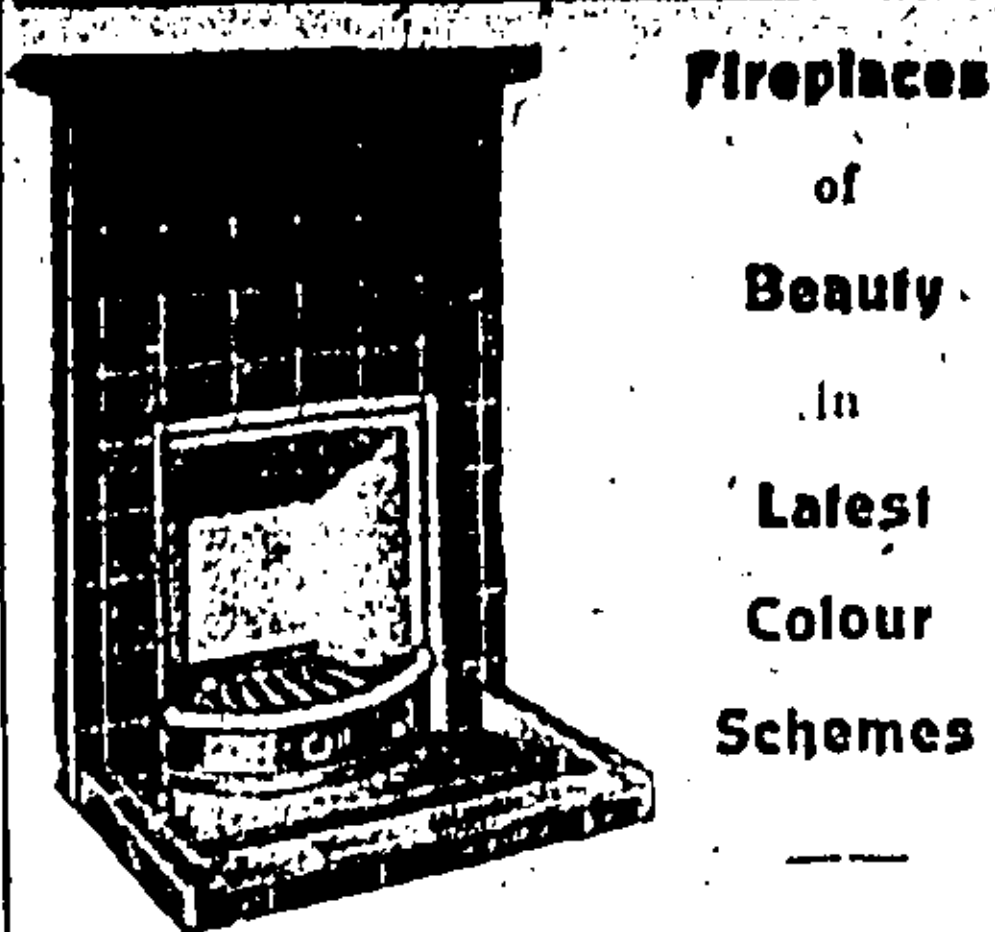




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AMERICAN OFFICER MISSING.

DISAPPEARANCE FROM SHIP.

NAVAL TUG SENT TO SEARCH.

MYSTERY OF SEA.

A British naval tug together with junks and sampans are searching the sea and benches in the vicinity of Lintin Island, in the hope of discovering Mr. George J. Lavin, Chief Officer of the American steamer Golden Mountain, who is reported to have fallen overboard last night.

The local agents for the vessel are hopeful that Mr. Lavin will be found alive. He was a strong swimmer, and it is thought he may have been washed to one of the islands in the locality.

The States Shipping Company, agents for the Golden Mountain, which is of the Oceanic and Oriental Navigation Company, received information of the accident this morning at 5 o'clock. In a wireless message from Capt. H. B. Hansen, the master of the vessel.

Missed This Morning.

The message reported that the Golden Mountain left Stonewater Island for Manila, via Haiphong and Saigon, at 10 p.m., and passed through Sulphur Channel. Mr. M. Lavin, called for the morning watch at about 5 o'clock, was found to be missing.

The missing man was last seen on the fore-castle, dead at about 10.30 p.m., and the captain's message states his belief that the Chief Officer fell overboard about four miles north of Lintin Island, at about 11.30 p.m.

Commodore Takes Action.

Mr. D. J. Fraser, Manager of the States Shipping Company, discharged the matter with the Commodore, who immediately ordered a naval tug to steam to the spot, and, with help from the fishing craft in the vicinity, search the seas.

The Naval authorities considered that if Mr. Lavin had accidentally fallen overboard, there was a good chance of him being washed up on Lintin or some of the other islands in the vicinity, as he was a strong swimmer.

Mr. Lavin was 31 years of age, and was regarded as a promising officer. He came from the East coast of the United States, and had been visiting Hongkong on the Golden Mountain for nearly a year.

MONEY RATES IN AUSTRALIA.

RESTRICTION ON BANKS' FREEDOM.

Canberra, Apr. 22. The House of Representatives has passed the second reading of the Government's Bill regulating Bank rates of interest, though the actual figure has not been fixed.

Mr. Scullin declared that control of the money rates could not be left to private institutions.

The Bill was intended to prevent banks from acting independently of the government. Interest at present represented twenty-five per cent. of the national income. It was an intolerable burden.—*Reuter*.

LORDS V. LABOUR.

AGRICULTURE BILL RENDEED.

London, Apr. 22. The House of Lords to-night rejected, by large majorities, the two first clauses in the Government's Agricultural Land Utilisation Bill, which provided for the establishment of a Corporation to experiment in large scale farming and demonstration farms.—*British Wireless*.

SPANISH NAVY MUTINY.

THREE SHIPS JOIN IN REVOLT.

REPORT DENIED.

Madrid, Apr. 22. Rumours of impending trouble in the Spanish Fleet, stationed at Cartagena, the fortified port on the Mediterranean, and the site of the naval arsenal, culminated with a mutiny of the crews of the warship "Cervantes" and of two destroyers, but not at Cartagena, at Cadiz Harbour.

Details of the affair are lacking. It is believed that some sort of attack of a serious kind took place, and it is understood that the mutineers were overpowered and taken, in custody, ashore.

It is believed that the mutiny was inspired by Communists.

Reports of the naval mutiny from Cadiz are apparently exaggerated. It is now stated that on arrival of the squadron at Cadiz, the sailors went ashore and indulged in noisy Republican demonstrations, tearing down Royal Emblems from a number of buildings.

Meanwhile, it is reported that the Government of the United States has recognised the Spanish Republic.—*Reuter*.

Attorney Goes Shopping.

London, Apr. 22. King Alfonso, who spent the day in London shopping and paying personal calls, is expected to pay a visit to Princess Beatrice, his mother-in-law, and daughter of the late Queen Victoria, at Torquay this week. *British Wireless*.

Nanking, Apr. 23. The Nanking Foreign Ministry has telegraphed Mr. Wang Lin-kai, Chinese Minister in Spain, instructing him formally to recognize the new Spanish Republican Government. *Reuter*.

FEETHAM REPORT ON SHANGHAI NOW COMPLETED.

FIRST VOLUME BEING ISSUED SATURDAY.

POLITICAL FUTURE.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Apr. 23. Mr. Justice Feetham has informed the Municipal Council that he proposes to present the first volume of his Report on Saturday, April 25.

The volume includes a survey (historical and descriptive) of the general position of the International Settlement and also a study of various aspects of Shanghai's position as a business centre, and of the factors to which that position is due.

Mr. Justice Feetham further states that he hopes to be in a position to present the second volume, three weeks later.

This will deal directly with the main political questions affecting the Settlement and will contain proposals and suggestions as to the future.

Each volume, as presented in print, will be published by the Council, immediately on presentation.

The Report is being translated into Chinese but owing to its length, the translation will take a considerable time to complete.

In the meantime, a summary of the first volume has been prepared and a Chinese translation of this summary will be published on Monday, April 27.

A limited number of copies of the translation will be available for the use of the Chinese and Japanese Press.

As a result of injuries received by falling down the stairs of her house, a Chinese woman, Liu Ki-hi, aged 60, of 313, Laichikok Road, first floor, was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday.

PUBLIC LETTER TO CLEGG MISSION.

STABILISATION OF DOLLAR AT TWO SHILLINGS.

LOAN METHOD URGED.

STABILISATION of the dollar at Two Shillings by means of a Loan, is the plea of local merchants who have drafted a Community Letter to the Currency Mission, and are requesting believers in a stabilised currency to append their signatures. The authors state that all legitimate trade in the Colony has been brought to a standstill, and describe the suggestion that trade would go to Canton as fallacious.

The full text of the letter is given below. The argument that we must wait for China for business reasons is attributed to "certain institutions, interests and persons, who have more concern in exchange fluctuations than in the distributing trade." The letter is being kept open for signatures until Thursday next.

The Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, chairman of the General Chamber of Commerce, stated at the annual meeting yesterday that the Chamber's committee was still of the opinion that a change to a gold standard was inadvisable while China remains on a silver standard. He could, however, hold out no hope that the dollar would recover to its former levels.

FULL TEXT OF COMMUNICATION.

The text of the letter follows: To the Currency Commission, Gentlemen, We, the Attached Signatories, Merchants, Property and Factory Owners, and Resident Investors of this Colony, hereby notify You that we are convinced that the Stabilisation of Our Currency is a matter of urgent necessity; that the Dollar should be stabilised, preferably at Two Shillings; and that such Stabilisation should be made possible by means of a Stabilisation Loan.

In support of our convictions and beliefs we submit the following reasons:

That Our Dollar being only a Piece of Silver, and Silver being merely a Commodity and so ruled by the Law of Supply and Demand, a silver coinage is not a suitable or safe token for trade or barter in a world ruled by gold.

Trade at Standstill.

That the Fluctuations in the Gold Value of Our Dollar during the last year have been so extreme that at this date all legitimate trading is practically at a standstill, and that such trading as is carried on is merely a gamble in exchange.

That the ever-increasing out-turn of silver as a By-product by the Base Metal Industries, and the huge amount of Stocks held by various governments for disposal, forbids the hope that Silver can ever regain its old value; in fact makes the prospect of its fall, and that to heretofore unimagined levels, a certainty.

That Stabilisation at Two Shillings would place the Government of the Colony on a sound financial basis in the matter of Sterling Salaries and Sterling Commitments in London.

Stabilisation Figure.

That the figure of Two Shillings (in years previous to the present debacle in Silver) came to be regarded as an average rate; that the shipyards, factories, and industries generally paid for their plant and were built up with the dollar at an average value of Two Shillings or over; and that to stabilise at any lower figure would be equivalent to writing down their capital in a like ratio; and that the same applies to House and Other Property, and to the Share Capital of All Companies registered in this Colony.

That the contention that on Stabilisation, trade would be transferred from the Colony to Canton and the near-by China Coast Ports is more guess-work, is indeed fallacious, and is not held, and has never been held, by the merchant and trading section of the Community, but is only propagated by certain institutions, interests, and persons who have more concern in the fluctuations of exchange than in the Distributing Trade

which, first and last, is the reason-to-be of this Colony.

That if this Colony, which exists chiefly as a Centre for distributing manufactured goods to South China, possessed a Stable Currency the Merchant, knowing his buying price to a certainty, would be encouraged to hold stocks here, to the advantage of himself, of the home manufacturer, and of his Chinese customers in the Coast Ports, who would be encouraged to buy, as they then could do, in manageable quantities as and when they required the goods.

China Going Gold.

That knowing as we do that the Chinese are finding it impossible

ISSUE OF GOLD NOTES IN CHINA.

FIRST STEP TOWARDS A GOLD STANDARD.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Apr. 23. Mr. T. V. Soong, the Nanking Minister of Finance, has announced that commencing on May 1, the Central Bank of China will issue banknotes expressed in terms of Customs' gold units (valued at 40 cents Gold to the dollar).

This is described as a measure of convenience to importers for the payment of duties in Shanghai and the outports though apparently the notes will be legal tender for commercial transactions, thus representing, in a way, China's first step towards the introduction of a gold standard.

to buy European manufactured goods at the present rate of Exchange, and that the Chinese Government finds it impossible to pay the interest on its gold loans for the same reason, and learning that China expects to be able shortly to raise a gold loan to stabilise her currency, and that, supposing China successful in placing her currency on a Gold Basis while Hongkong remained with a Currency on a Silver Basis, we are assured that the resulting fall in Silver would leave Hongkong with a Currency practically without value, and make trade impossible and ruin the Colony.

That in view of the Credit Status of the Colony, taking into consideration the amount of its

Racing Airman Forced Down.



Capt. Hawks Gets Off Lightly.

FLIGHT TO ROME.

London, Apr. 22. Captain Frank Hawks, the noted American speed flier, holder of the record for a Trans-America flight, which he completed at an average speed of about 200 miles an hour, made a forced landing one hundred and fifty kilometres south of Paris to-day, in the course of a flight to Rome.

Captain Hawks set out from Me-ton Aerodrome in the early hours of the morning, with the object of flying from England to Rome and back in a day in a powerful machine capable of 200 miles an hour.

He was going strongly when engine trouble developed and he was forced down. Fortunately, the airman made a good landing and escaped without injury and without damaging his machine.

When he had made the necessary adjustments, he took off again and reached Rome at noon, having travelled at an average speed of 174 miles an hour. He will complete his flight to-morrow.—*British Wireless*.

THE JACK DIAMOND TORTURE CASE.

NOTORIOUS GANGSTER RELEASED ON BAIL.

Catkill, Apr. 22. Jack Diamond, the New York gangster, charged with second degree assault, on a lorry-driver named Parks, following torture allegations, has been released on bail which was fixed at \$25,000.—*Reuter's American Service*.

THE GIRL GUIDE MOVEMENT.

OVER HALF MILLION MEMBERS AT HOME.

London, Apr. 22. Princess Mary, Countess of Harewood, at the annual meeting of the Girl Guides' Association at the Imperial Headquarters, announced that there are now 560,000 Guides in the British Isles, an increase in a year of 40,000.—*British Wireless*.

annual income, the present low rate of taxation, and the considerable amount of loans outstanding, it would be possible to raise a Stabilisation Loan on fair terms, partly in London, and partly here, because of the present easy conditions in the Local Money Market.

We append our signatures and designations, and remain, etc.

FLOOD TRAGEDIES REVEALED.

ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD DROWNED.

PINGSHAN MISHAP.

Further tragic consequences of the "cloudburst" in the New Territories are gradually being unfolded. Ten lives were lost in a disastrous flood at Mun Hang, where every member of a farmer's household was drowned, while another tragedy occurred near Ping Shan.

When the torrential downpour was at its worst in the afternoon, round about three o'clock, an immense torrent of water, which had apparently been held up by an obstacle for some time, swept down the hillside above Mun Hang, in the Shatin District, and carried away three men.

The occupants consisted of a farmer, his wife, two children and six labourers, and all were drowned in the flood, their bodies carried almost to the sea before fellow villagers were able to recover them.

Village Floods.

At about the same time, another Chinese was drowned in attempting to swim to a sampan which had broken away from its moorings.

A report of the incident has been made by Cheung Shih, aged 23, a married woman of Ma Tin Village, Ping Shan. She stated that during the height of the storm, she and her husband, Chan Muk-hi aged 24, were sheltering in their house. The water was rising rapidly, and her husband suggested that the furniture should be collected and removed to safety. He accordingly went out for a sampan at about 4.30 p.m. but failed to return.

It was subsequently learned that he was drowned in attempting to swim to the sampan which had drifted from its mooring during the onrush of water. Chan Muk-hi was seen to swim out. He appears to have got into difficulties. His body was recovered after the flood had subsided.

SHANGHAI DUMPING SITUATION.

OFFICIAL REFUSE TO DISCUSS.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Apr. 23. It is learned that over 10,000 dead bodies of children and adults, have been found in the streets in Chinese territory in Shanghai in the past year.

Interviewed, Chinese officials refused to produce figures or to discuss the subject.

RUMOURED SINKING OF SUBMARINE.

MERELY ROUTINE TESTING WORK.

Rumours were current in the Colony yesterday that a submarine had sunk in the harbour, one of these vessels being observed in an apparently sinking condition down by the stern, with a sampan and tug in attendance flying red flags.

The incident was merely a certain test in progress, carried out by officials following routine reconditioning work.

HONDURAS REVOLT.

TWENTY-NINE REBELS DIE IN SKIRMISH.

New York, Apr. 22. A message from Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, states that twenty-nine rebels have been killed in a skirmish between rebels and Government forces on the North Coast.

The Government casualties were slight.—*Reuter's American Service*.

EARL OF ATHLONE.

ARRIVING IN LONDON SHORTLY.

London, Apr. 22. The Earl of Athlone, former Governor General of South Africa, and Princess Alice will arrive in London on May 9th and will stay at Kensington Palace.—*British Wireless*.

DRAMATIC AFFAIR IN SHANGHAI.

CHINESE SHOT BY U.S. SAILOR.

GANG MASHED FOR AN ATTACK.

BEDROOM SCENE.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Apr. 23. A burly American sailor, named J. Garafa, who shot and killed a Chinese intruder shortly after midnight, related an extraordinary story to the Shanghai police in the early hours of this morning, when he was detained pending investigation of the affair.

The man's story that he shot in self-defence is believed. A gang of fifteen Chinese hooligans forced their way into his residence, and smashed down the door of his bedroom, bent on attacking him. He shouted a warning, and when it was ignored, put a bullet through the head of the first man to cross the threshold.

According to the sailor's story, he retired to bed with his wife at their residence at No. 15, Kung-ping Road at about ten o'clock last night. Both of them soon went off to sleep.

Wife's Screams.

Shortly before midnight, he was awakened by Mrs. Garafa's wild screams and found a Chinese standing in his bedroom, holding a torchlight in his hand, which he flashed upon the bed.

Garafa says he jumped to his feet. The intruder fled from the room and then, for the first time, the sailor discovered that the intruder was accompanied by others, who were crouching in the hall outside.

There was a hurried departure on the part of the whole gang.

Gang Return to Attack.

A few minutes later, Garafa having shut and locked the door in the meantime, was discussing whether he should go immediately to the Police Station to report the affair, when he heard the gang creeping up the stairs again.

He realised at once that their return meant that they contemplated an attack upon him, and he procured a .45 automatic pistol, which he kept under his pillow, and prepared for a fight.

Assault on Door.

Following some seconds of muffled conversations outside the door, the gang began an assault on it with heavy blows.

The door began to give way under their attack and Garafa took up a position at the foot of the bed, cocked his automatic and shouted:

"I'll shoot the first man who steps across the door!"

Unheeding the warning, if they could understand it, the raiders continued their smashing of the door, which finally burst open.

The first man stepped across the threshold. Garafa fired instantly, shooting the man through the head and killing him outright.

The Wayside Police were immediately summoned and there followed some speedy work in which nearly every member of the gang was rounded up.

Garafa was detained for an investigation.

FLIGHT TO EGYPT AND BACK.

London, Apr. 22. One of the Irish flying boats which left England on March 24 on a flight to Egypt, and returned to Plymouth to-day. The second boat is still at B Nazaire.—*British Wireless*.

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LOCAL TRADE PROBLEMS.

REVIEW AT ANNUAL CHAMBER MEETING.

CURRENCY QUESTION.

A review of Hongkong's current trading condition and problems was given by speakers at the annual meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce which was held last evening.

The Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie was supported by the following members of the General Committee:—Mr. T. H. R. Shaw (Vice-Chairman), the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Messrs. W. H. Bell, V. M. Grayburn, Paul Lauder, T. E. Pearce, M. St. J. Walsh and J. P. Warren; with the following co-opted members: the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton and Lt. Comdr. H. S. Squance, R.N., with the Secretary (Mr. M. F. Key).

The following individual members and firms were present:—Mr. F. Austin, Mr. C. Champkin, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., Mr. M. P. Talati, The Advertising & Publicity Bureau (Major Creagh), Messrs. A. A. Botelho, Messrs. Bradley & Co. Ltd., (Mr. J. A. Plummer and Mr. A. Macgowan); The British-American Tobacco Co. (China) Ltd., (Mr. M. St. J. Walsh); Messrs. Butterfield & Swire (Mr. T. H. R. Shaw); The Central Agency Ltd., (Mr. J. Rodger); The Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Co. Ltd., (Mr. A. Stevenson); Messrs. Deacons (the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton); Messrs. Dodwell & Co. Ltd., (Mr. J. P. Warren); The Douglas Steamship Co. Ltd., (Mr. A. H. White); Messrs. Fung Tung (Mr. Wong Tak-kwong); Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co. Ltd., (the Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie and Mr. S. A. Arthur); Messrs. Gilman & Co. Ltd., (Mr. R. B. Shephard); Messrs. A. Goeke & Co. (Mr. W. Foran); The Green Island Cement Co. Ltd., (Mr. T. C. T. Beck); Messrs. W. A. Hannibal & Co. (Mr. H. T. Buxton); The Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd., (Mr. J. Douglas Butcher); The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation (Mr. V. M. Grayburn); Messrs. J. D. Hutchison & Co., Messrs. T. E. Pearce and Mr. P. S. Cassidy; The Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. Ltd., (Mr. E. F. Auecht); Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd., (the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson); The Java-China-Japan Line, (Mr. A. van Gelder); The Kailan Mining Administration (Mr. A. C. I. Bowker); Messrs. Keller, Kern & Co. Ltd., (Mr. S. Kern); Messrs. W. R. Loxley & Co., (Mr. T. A. Mitchell); Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., (the Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie and Mr. M. T. Johnson); Messrs. John Mannes & Co. Ltd., (Mr. G. G. Johnston); The Marconi International Marine Communication Co. Ltd., (Mr. J. E. Auvache); Messrs. Maxim & Co., (Mr. J. Ribeiro); The Mercantile Bank of India Ltd., (Mr. L. Sandes); The Mitsubishi Ship Kaisha (Mr. K. Nakayama); Messrs. Mitsui Bussan Kaisha (Mr. M. Kawazu); Messrs. S. S. Moses & Co., (Mr. W. Goldenberg); Messrs. A. B. Moulder & Co. Ltd., (Mr. Wong Oi Kut and Mr. M. A. Williams); The Netherlands Trading Society (Mr. A. Steinkind); Messrs. Reiss, Massey & Co. Ltd., (Mr. B. Lander Lewis and Mr. J. Ormiston); Messrs. Alex. Ross & Co. (China) Ltd., (Mr. W. W. Mackenzie); The Royal Insurance Co. Ltd., (Mr. T. A. Mitchell); The Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd., (Mr. P. Lauder); The Union Trading Co. Ltd., (Mr. S. M. Churn); Messrs. Harry Wickling & Co. (the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes); Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist (Mr. C. E. L. Grist).

The Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the Report and Accounts of the Chamber have been in your hands for some days, and I rise to move their adoption.

In reviewing the events of the year, the question which has undoubtedly caused the most concern both here and in China is the continued fall in the price of silver and the consequent depreciation in silver currency.

The difficulties under which we labour are no less acute now than when they were examined at some length by the Chairman at the annual meeting of the Chamber in March last year. If they are to be judged entirely by the level of exchange, they are, in fact, of greater perplexity. The downward trend of silver, referred to last year, developed much as was anticipated, and the exchange rate of the dollar which at the end of March, 1930, stood at 1/6, now stands at under one shilling.

The conclusions of the Currency Committee appointed by the local Government have been made public and accord in general with the opinion of your Committee on the points submitted. I will refer only to two of the points considered by that Committee. The first was the premium on the paper dollar. This was generally considered as harmful to the trade of the Colony, and although no immediate practical means of abolishing it were apparent, the opinion was expressed that under the present policy being pursued by the note-issuing banks, the premium would disappear in time. As a matter of fact it has now disappeared, and, although some of the evils rather freely attributed to it still remain with us, we may, I think, now derive some modified consolation from the fact that our dollar, though it is poor, is at any rate honest.

The second point considered by the Currency Committee was the alarming influx of silver dollars as a result of the premium on notes. The problem of their ultimate disposal appears now somewhat less complex, and, as it would seem very unlikely that further imports will be made, we may hope with more confidence that this disturbing factor will be gradually eliminated.

Gold Standard.

The question of this Colony going on a gold standard has been much discussed, and your Committee has recorded its opinion that the change is inadvisable while China remains on a silver standard. We will not expect to enter at length into the considerations that have influenced that opinion. I will only say that the Chamber welcomes with much satisfaction the Currency Mission that has recently arrived from home to examine the whole question, following the recommendation of the Currency Committee. The result of its deliberations will be awaited with great interest, and its members may be assured of the full cooperation of this Chamber in all matters concerning which it may be of assistance.

All that can safely be said of the immediate future of exchange is that a continuance of low rates appears likely and that it would seem unwise to build hopes on the dollar recovering to the level of former years. I join with Mr. Plummer in his speech delivered at the last annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in welcoming the prospect of restored peace in China, which, if it continues, will tend to increase the value of silver.

Imports Handicapped.

While conditions remain as at present, the import of foreign goods into China must inevitably be severely handicapped. Unfortunately, world depression has simultaneously checked the demand for Chinese exports so that we, in Hongkong, who are mainly dependant upon the trade of the great country at our doors, are necessarily passing through a period of depression. Thanks to the re-establishment of the Statist-

ical Department, for which we are indebted to the Hongkong Government, we can at least take stock of the position. For the nine months of 1930 for which statistics are available, it appears that the imports of the Colony, expressed in sterling, were valued at (in round figures) £30 millions as compared with £23 millions in the corresponding period of 1924. The share of the United Kingdom fell from seven and a half million to two and three-quarter million pounds. Exports were valued at £23 millions as compared with £45 millions in the earlier period. It should be mentioned that the foregoing figures can only be taken to convey a general idea of the situation, as in certain respects the statistics for the two periods are not strictly comparable.

Now that the revised Statistical Department has been in existence for more than twelve months, the information accumulated becomes of increased value, and I take this opportunity of emphasising the appeal made by my predecessor in this chair that business firms will see to it that their staffs all in the forms promptly and intelligently, so that returns, when tallied at the end of a period, are at least approximately correct and comparable with earlier figures.

The Economic Mission.

Although business dealings here are international in scope, in a British Colony we naturally take special interest in the promotion of British trade. Your Committee, therefore, welcomed the opportunity of doing all in its power to assist the Economic Mission which recently visited the Far East. Reuters have cabled out a summary of the Report which the Cotton Mission have presented to the Authorities at home. Apparently the members realise that if Lancashire is to continue to participate in the China trade, her prices will have to come into line with her competitors. That necessity has been pressed from this side very forcibly over a long period. Other points, principally with reference to distribution, have also been raised by the Mission, but it does not appear desirable to comment further on the several recommendations put forward until we are in possession of the full Report. We trust the report of the Mission will lead to definite action on the part of all concerned with a view to enabling British manufactures to compete more advantageously than at present in the China market.

Board of Trade Rules.

A year ago a report was completed by the Technical Committee which had been advising on the adaptation to local conditions of Board of Trade Rules concerning shipping surveys and life-saving equipment, particularly as they relate to the unberthed passenger trade. In the meantime, the standard has been aimed at has been the publication of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, signed in London on May 31st, 1929.

The Government Marine Surveyors are now discussing with the Technical Committee further modifications of Board of Trade Rules, taking into consideration the articles of the International Convention. Article 12 of the Convention provides that, in the case of passenger ships employed in the carriage of large numbers of unberthed passengers, a Government may exempt ships from full compliance with the Convention and shall frame special rules in concert with such other countries as may be directly interested in the carriage of unberthed passengers. A Conference of Eastern and Far Eastern Governments has been convened for this purpose and will be held next month at Simla. I am glad to state that opportunity has been afforded for full representation of shipping interests, and local shipping companies concerned are sharing the cost of sending two representatives. Preliminary discussions which have taken place

here with the Harbour Master and the Government Marine Surveyors enable me to state that the official and unofficial representatives of Hongkong hope to arrive at a practical agreement on all important points. There will be discussions, en route, with the Singapore representatives and, we hope, with the Dutch East Indies shipping interests. The object, of course, is to co-ordinate the requirements of Port Authorities throughout the East so that there is, as far as possible, one standard of requirement for all vessels of similar class, with special provision for ships plying in particular trades in comparatively circumscribed areas.

Anti-Piracy Matters.

During the year the provision of anti-piracy protection on steamers plying in the Far East has been re-organised. You will remember that the British Authorities decided that the guards, provided by the Military, which had been satisfactory and effective, must be withdrawn after April 1st, 1930. After urgent representations these guards were continued for a period, but only on condition that the individual companies availing themselves of this protection against piracy undertook in writing to accept guards provided by the Hongkong Police Department, when they became available, and that in the meantime the military guards were paid for in full by the companies using them. There being no alternative protection, these conditions had to be accepted, under protest.

The new organisation consists of Russians and Chinese, sworn in as members of the Hongkong Police Force, with Indians in addition; the whole under the supervision of British Police sergeants and controlled by a senior British Police Officer. The cost to the shipping companies is less than the cost of the anti-piracy guards provided by the Military Authorities during the period they were paid for, but British shipping companies consider that they are entitled to look to the Naval and Military Authorities for protection against piracy when carrying out their legitimate trade, and they maintain that payment for such defence is an expense which they cannot rightly be called upon to bear.

Taxes on Shipping.

In order to provide for increased expenditure due to larger sterling commitments as a result of the fall in exchange, the Hongkong Government introduced in the last Budget new taxation of shipping consisting of an increase in the light dues on ocean-going vessels from 2 cents to 4 cents per ton, and on river steamers from five-sixths of a cent to 1½ cents per ton, and double fees for the use of Government buoys. The decision was defended by the Government on the ground that shipping companies, in the majority of cases, either operate on a gold basis or have increased their dollar charges. The dues then in force were imposed when the dollar was worth about double its present value, and the Government therefore defended the proposed increases as fair and equitable. I venture to repeat what I said in Council at the time:—

"The suggested taxes on shipping, in the form of increased light dues and hire of buoys are, I consider, wrong in principle. This form of taxation has been the subject of several debates in this Chamber in the past, and if one can judge from the records of the meetings the official attitude has been that shipping should only be taxed for specific purposes from which a direct benefit is obtained. In the present instance this can scarcely be put forward as an argument in favour of the suggested levies. Hongkong owes its very existence to shipping, and its prosperity has been largely built up from the benefits derived from the advantages obtaining to a free port. This great asset should be maintained as far as possible at all costs. Quite apart from the objections to taxing shipping in order to augment local revenue, it must be admitted by all that this particular trade is passing through a

very hard time, and it is only by the most rigid economy that many companies are able to carry on."

Government Stores.

You will find in the Committee's Annual Report reference to an old and familiar question—the purchase of Government stores through the Crown Agents, and the desirability of ensuring a greater share of Government orders to merchants in the areas to whose revenues they contribute. You will see that we have not been able to get very far, but we are now looking at the question from a different angle and are making representations to the Government to the effect that when it does invite tenders from local firms, it shall at least put them on terms as favourable as those offered for purchases made through the Crown Agents.

Members will note with satisfaction that arrangements for the survey of rice exported under Chamber of Commerce certificate have been re-organised, and that a special Rice Sub-Committee, to whose members we are much indebted, supervises this department of our activities.

The Chamber has continued to subscribe, on behalf of a limited number of members, to Reuters' service of Commercial Telegrams; the cost per member is reasonable and the service seems to be thoroughly appreciated by those who receive it. If other members wish to subscribe, all that is necessary is to get in touch with the office of the Chamber, where details are available.

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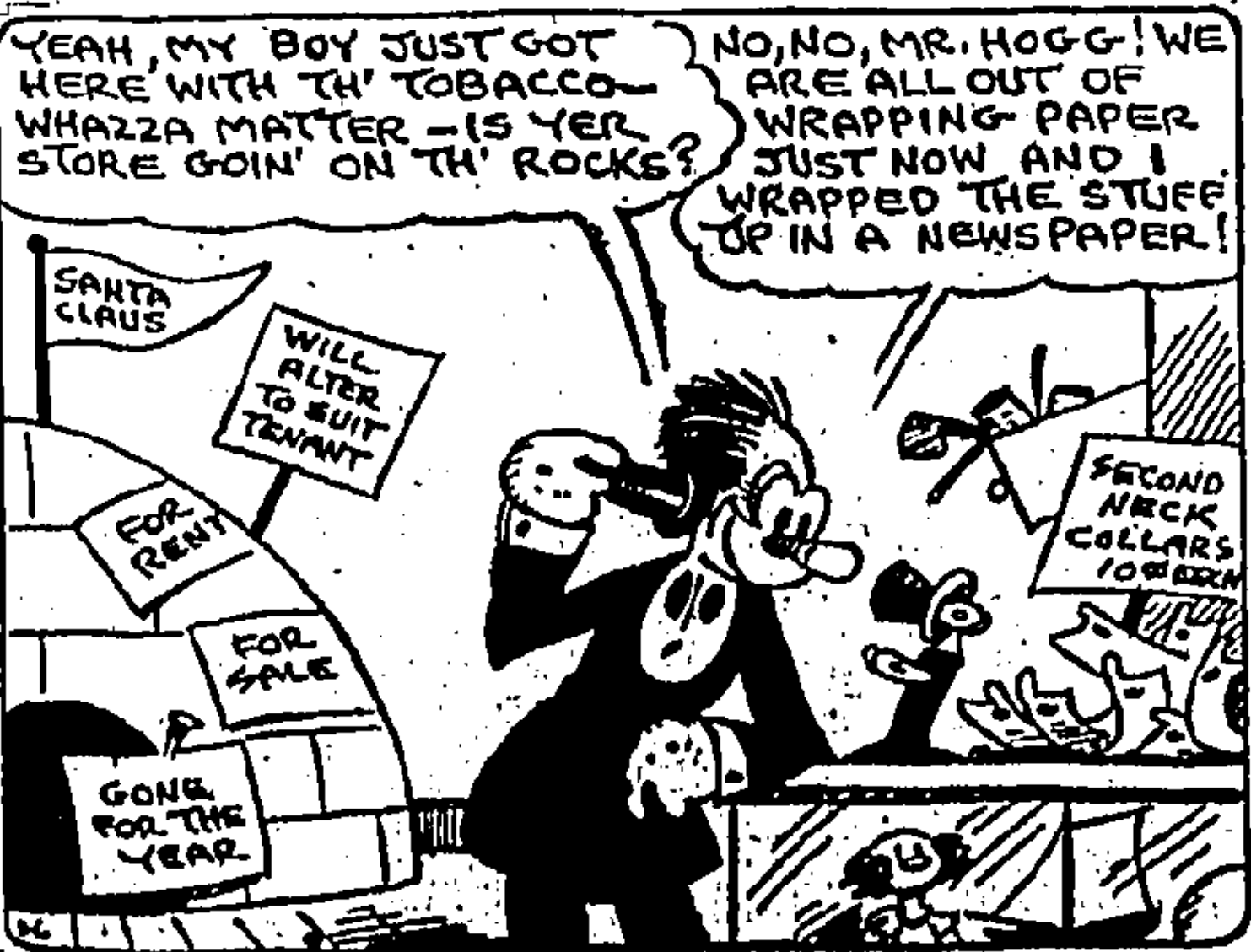
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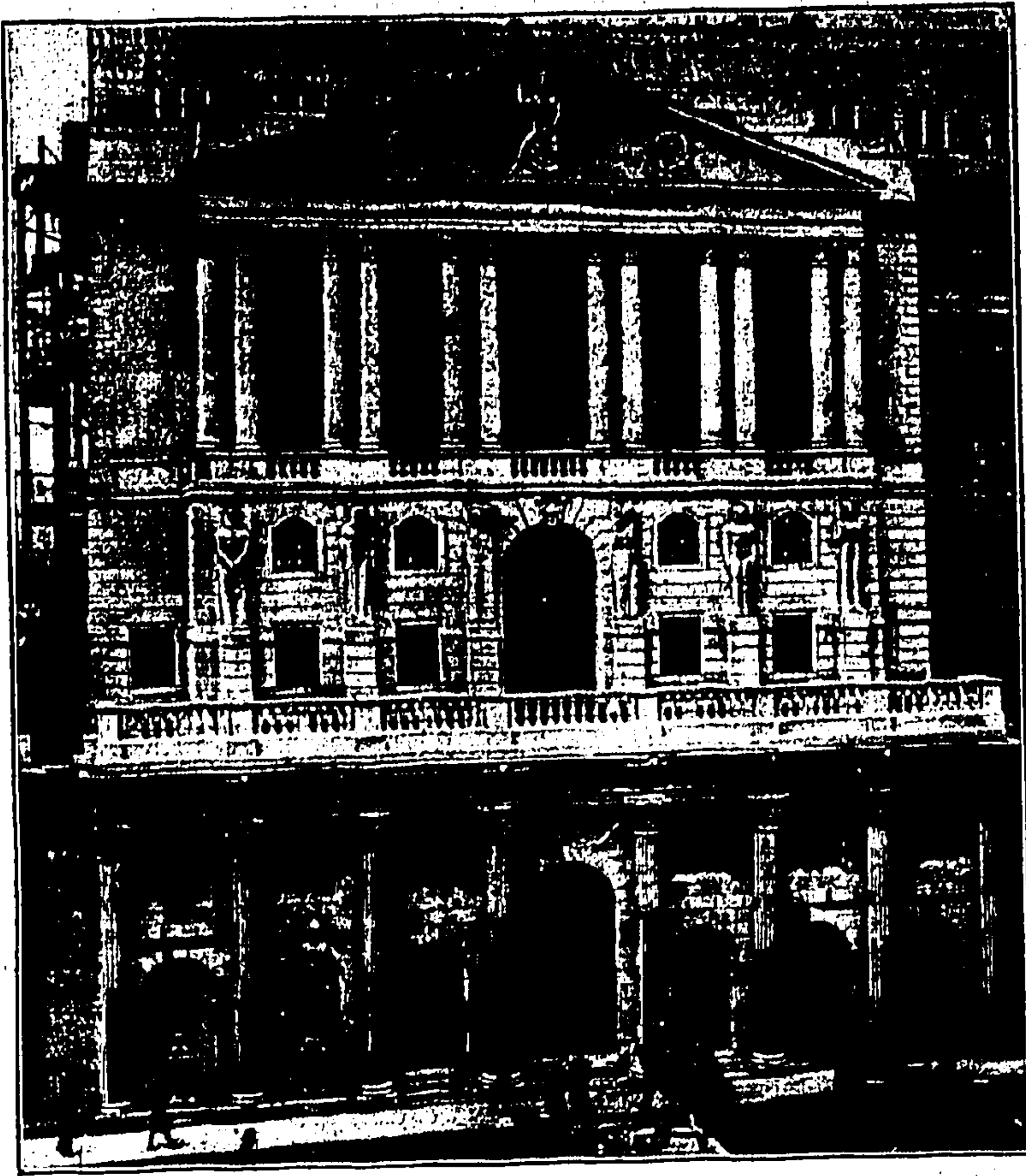


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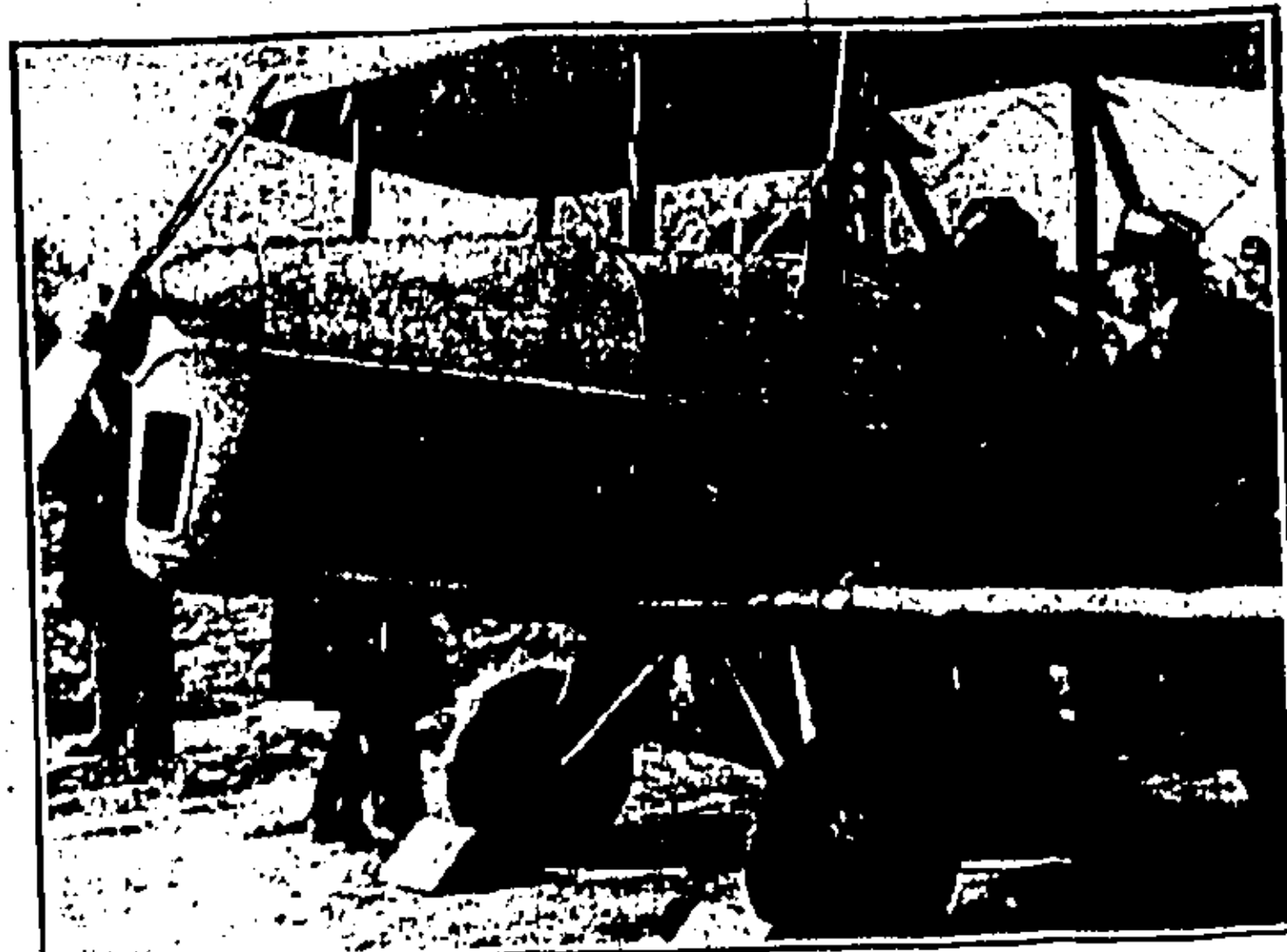




The central facade of the new Bank of England building, facing Threadneedle Street. (Times copyright.)



St. Bartholomew's beat St. Mary's in the final tie of the Hospitals' Rugby Cup on the Richmond Athletic ground. A St. Mary's player taking a pass. (Times copyright.)



Miss Dolphin Reynolds, daughter of Sir James Reynolds, left Hanworth recently with Lieut W. G. Pud, for a flight to the Cape by the West African route. One of the objects is to make a survey of the rivers of West Africa. The aviators are seen below, right, ready for the take off.



At the New York Ship Building Company's Camden, N. J., yards when our picture was taken, four thousand workers were returning to their jobs.



Mr. D. F. Stratton of B. and S., who was recently awarded the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal for rescuing a brother officer from drowning.



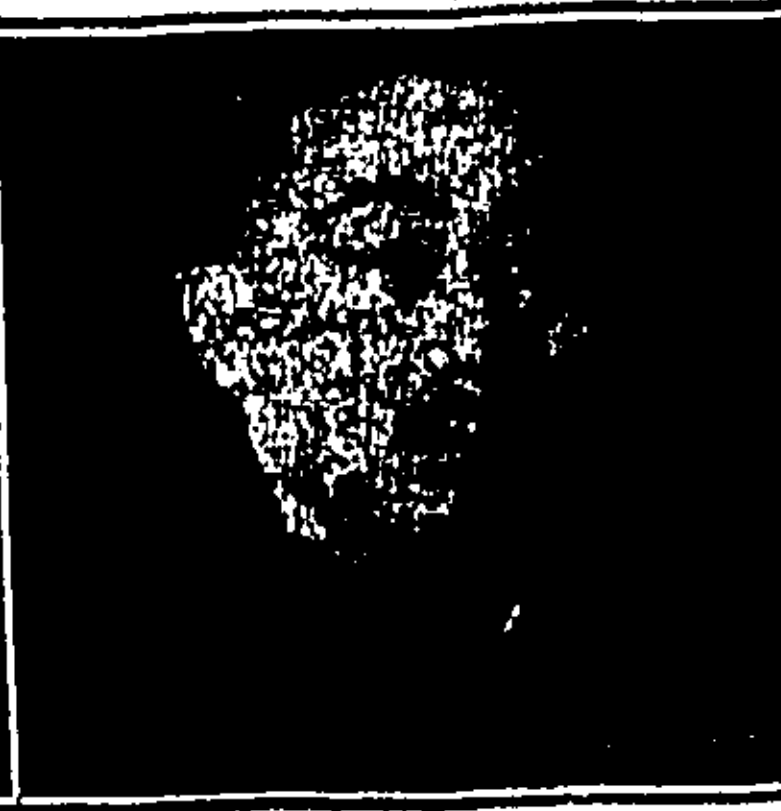
A canoe tilting match at Miami Beach, the other day. Don't play this game if you get upset easily—or if you have only a dry sense of humour. It's best just to consider yourself all wet before you start.



Prince Joan Matel Ghica of Rumania was all set when those pictures were taken for a non-stop flight from Los Angeles to New York in his new plane, "King Carol II." The prince is Rumania's air minister, and a cousin of King



Miss Tetsing Sue, whose marriage to Mr. William A. Moh takes place on April 23.



Mr. Kwai Yien-Fung, now Land Assessment Commissioner of S.M.C.



Mr. H. M. Stanley, of the Standard Oil Company, has been transferred to Tientsin.



Mr. George B. Fryer Director of the Inst. for Chinese Blind.



Mrs. R. Murry Popular in Shanghai social circles, has left for England.

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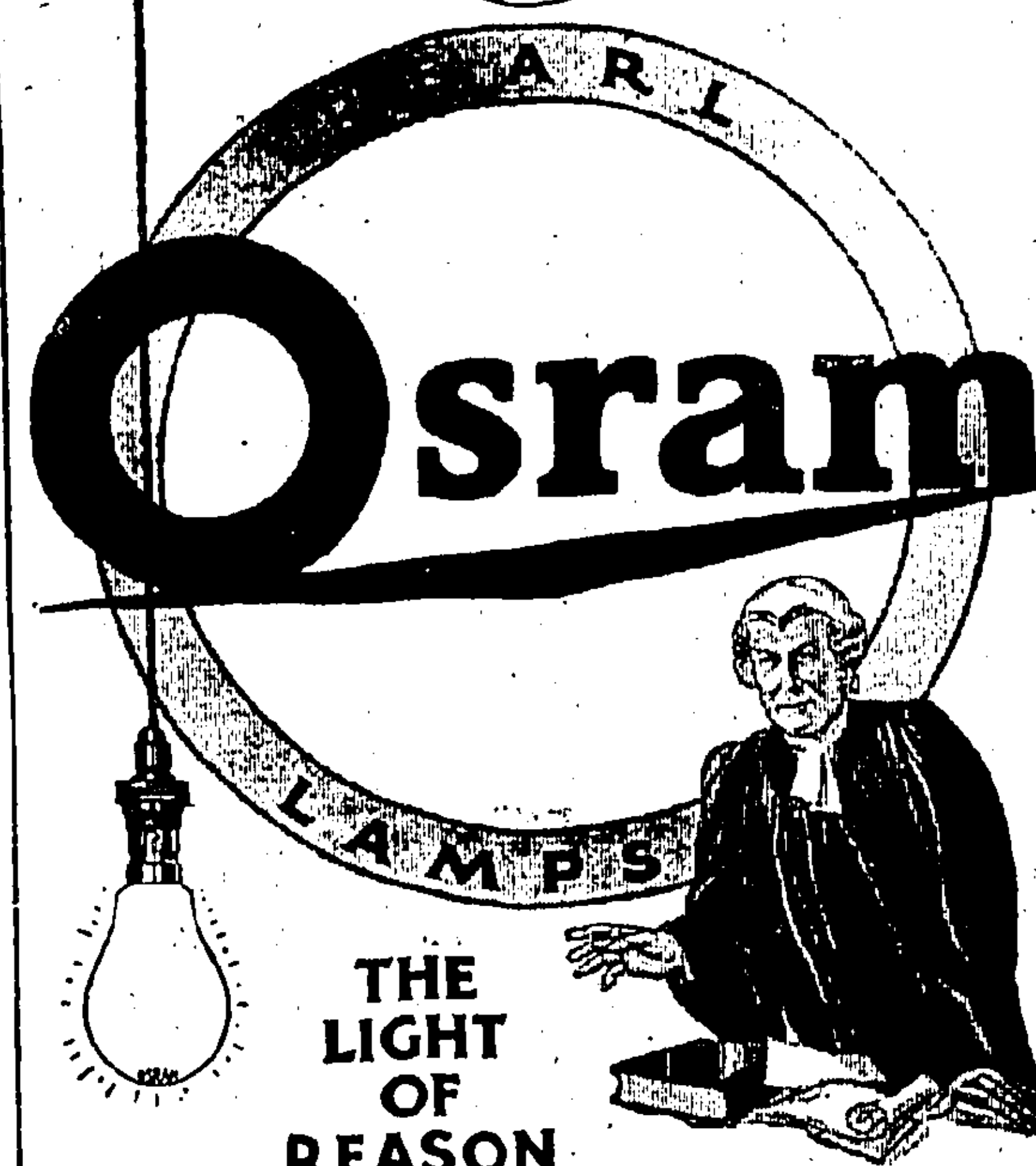
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TO-DAY'S WANTS.

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The following replies have been received:—
867, 671, 678, 688, 685, 691, 695,
705, 709, 720, 722, 727, 729, 732,
733, 734, 737, 738, 766, 773, 776,
776.

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WANTED KNOWN.

SPRING EXHIBITION OF PICTURES by the foremost Artists of Japan at Messrs. Komar & Komar opens Wednesday, the 24th April, at their Art Rooms for one week only. TO LET. From 1st May, No. 1.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CHIROPONIST (Corn remover). Fully qualified. 10 years experience in Europe. Appointments made at the Tester Beauty Parlour, Kowloon Building, Tel. 22103 (Ground Floor).

HOUSES, ETC.

FOR SALE OR TO LET furnished four-roomed house at Cheung Chiu. Electric Light. Large garden. Write Box No. 763, "Hongkong Telegraph."

PREMISES TO LET.

TO LET. From 1st May, No. 1, King's Park Building, Austin Road, Kowloon, four-roomed flat. Modern conveniences. Apply Union Trading Co. Ltd. York Building.

TO LET. Ground floor, No. 88, Des Voeux Road, Central, recently in the occupation of the Netherlands India Commercial Bank, can be divided to suit tenants' requirements. Apply to David Sassoon & Co., Ltd.

TO BE SOLD.

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HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

Tennis Tournament.

Open Singles—Semi-Final

M. W. Lo—E. C. Fincheir.

Owing to rain this match has been postponed to Monday, 27th April, at 4.30 p.m. Those holding tickets will be entitled to use them on Monday.

Booking at Moutrie's—\$1.00 including tax.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th April, 1931, will be subject to sale.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 14th May, 1931, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th April, 1931, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. But of Lading will be counter-signed.

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HOME POLITICS.

MOSLEY PARTY'S CANDIDATE FOR BY-ELECTION.

London, Apr. 22.

The "new party" founded by Sir Oswald Mosley is running its first candidate in the by-election at Ashton-under-Lyne, due to the death of the Labour member, Mr. Bellamy.

Three candidates were nominated to-day, these being Mr. J. W. Gordon (Labour), Lieut-Colonel J. Broadbent (Conservative), and Mr. Allan Young (New Party).—*Reuter.*

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from Mr. John S. Smith, the proprietor of the Station Hotel, to sell by Public Auction,

on To-day, Friday and Saturday, the 23rd, 24th and 25th April, 1931, commencing each day at 10.30 a.m.

at

Station Hotel,

No. 65 and 67, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

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Electric Lights and Fittings, Porcelain Wash Basins, Shanghai Baths, Cooking Stove, Gas Stove, Water Tanks, Plants and Ferns, etc., etc., etc.

also

Chubb's Safe

Piano by Moutrie

and

A Quantity of Blackwood Ware.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

On View from Tuesday, the 21st April, 1931.

LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on Monday, the 27th April, 1931, commencing at 10.30 a.m.

at No. 4, Humphrey's Building, Kowloon.

A Quantity of Valuable Household

Furniture

On View from Sunday, the 26th April, 1931.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on Tuesday, the 28th April, 1931, commencing at 10.30 a.m.

at No. 39, Humphrey's Building (Kowloon).

A Quantity of Valuable Household

Furniture

On View from Monday, the 27th April, 1931.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on Wednesday, the 29th April, 1931, commencing at 10.30 a.m.

at No. 5A, Luna Buildings.

A Quantity of Valuable Household

Furniture

On View from Tuesday, the 28th April, 1931.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$2040 s.
Chartered Bank, \$15 n.
Mercantile A. and B., \$24 n.
East Asia \$120 b.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$1400 n.
Union Ins., \$627 b.
China Underwriters, \$520 s.
China Fire, \$525 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1300 n.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$21 b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$26½ s.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$40 n.
Union Waterboats, \$36½ n.

Mining.

Benquoets, \$9½ b.
Kailang, \$1/9 n.
Shui Explorations, Tls. 5½ n.
Raubs, \$38½ n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, 165 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$28½ b.
South China Motors \$10 n.
China Provident, \$5.70 b.
Hongkong, Tls. 300 b.
New Engineers, Tls. 6.10 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 108½ n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cotton Tls. 14.65 s.
Shui Cotton Tls. 105 b.
Zooing Sings Tls. 11½ n.
Lands Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$14.70 b.
H. K. Land 88 s.
Shui Land Tls. 40 b.
Humphreys, \$17.15 s.
Realities, \$11½ s.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$18.20 s.
Peak Tram, (old) \$14½ n.
Star Ferries, \$93½ b.
China Lights, \$25.80 b.
H. K. Electric, \$79½ b.
Telephones, \$54 n.
China Buses, Tls. 18.20 n.
Singapore Traction, 6½ n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 80 cts. n.
Malabons \$39 n.
Canton Ice, \$3.60 b.
Cement (Comb.) \$18.40 b.
Ropes, \$16½ s.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$26½ s.
Watson, \$13 b.
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lane Crawford, \$5.95 s.
Mackintosh, \$20 n.
Sinceres, \$14½ n.
Powells, \$2.85 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$27 s.
Constructions, \$6½ b.
Pique Ind. G. Bonds, 69½ b.

PASSING OF AN OLD ESTABLISHMENT.

STATION HOTEL CEASES ITS BUSINESS.

The public auction which commences to-day at the Station Hotel, will mark the termination of a long and successful establishment on the mainland, a business that has been in existence for over twenty years and is one of the oldest in Kowloon.

The business, which was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. J. Sanderson Smith at the Station Hotel, ceased towards the end of March when the proprietors left the Colony after a long residence. As per contract, however, the Hotel premises are still under lease until the end of the month when owners will resume control.

With the demolition of Rose Terrace and other old buildings in Kowloon, the Station Hotel is probably the oldest at present on the Peninsula. Its early history is lost in obscurity but it is known that the two houses fronting on Nathan Road were occupied as private residences when they were purchased by the Spanish Dominican Procuration in 1908.

In the following year, Mrs. Uschman, a local resident, established a boarding house in the premises and carried on the business there for two years when the present annex at the rear, facing Hunkow Road, was acquired by the Procuration and added to the establishment.

Mr. J. Sanderson Smith, who arrived in the Colony some ten years ago, married Miss Uschman and later the couple took over the management of the establishment. They were still the proprietors when they retired from the Colony last month.

The lease on the premises, as stated above, does not expire until the end of April and, as yet, it is not known for what purpose the premises will be used. According to an advertisement which has been appearing in our columns, the Spanish Dominican Procuration, the owners, are offering to let the buildings.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

RADIO NOTICES.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this. Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Shanghai and Amoy	Huoh	April 23.
Europe via Suez (Letters and papers London 20th Mar. and parcels 19th Mar.)	Comorin	April 23.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 2nd April) and Europe via Siberia (London 6th April)	Chichibu Maru	April 24.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 4th April)	Rajputana	April 24.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle 4th Apr.)	Pres. Lincoln	April 24.
Japan	Kamo Maru	April 24.
Shanghai and Swatow	Sui Yang	April 25.
Calcutta and Straits	Suisang	April 25.
Straits	Allipore	April 25.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tibadak	April 26.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B. C. 12th Apr.)	Emps. of Russia	April 30.
Japan and Shanghai	Terukuni Maru	May 1.
Straits	Katori Maru	May 2.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 3rd Apr.)	Pres. Harrison	May 2.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 10th Apr.)	Pres. Cleveland	May 1.
Australia and Manila	Tanda	May 6.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Swatow	Hydrongen	Thurs., Apr. 23, 3 p.m.
Amoy	Tai Yuen Thurn	Apr. 23, 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kongso	Thurs., Apr. 23, 4 p.m.
Amoy and Japan	Sirdhana	Thurs., Apr. 23, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Comorin	Fri., Apr. 24, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Dell Maru Fri.	Apr. 24, 10.30 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Klungchow	Fri., Apr. 24, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Fri., Apr. 24, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Rajputana	Sat., Apr. 25, K.P.O.
	Registration	Apr. 25, 9 a.m.
	Letters	Apr. 25, 10 a.m.
	G.P.O.	Apr. 24, 6 p.m.
	Registration	Apr. 25, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	Apr. 25, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 22nd May.)	

Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Kamo Maru	Sat., Apr. 25, Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m. (Due Thursday Island 8th May.)
Amoy	Sui Sang	Sat., Apr. 25, 5 p.m.
Foochow via Swatow	Chip Shing	Sat., Apr. 25, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun., Apr. 26, 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwangtung	Sun., Apr. 26, 9 a.m.
Amoy via Swatow	Anhui	Mon., Apr. 27, 2.30 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., *Canada, Central and South America and *Europe via San Francisco	Pres. Grant	Mon., Apr. 27, Registration 3 p.m. Letters 4.15 p.m. (Due San Francisco 19th May.)
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Pres. Grant	Mon., Apr. 27, Registration 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.
Manila and Java via Sourabaya	Tibadak	Tues., Apr. 28, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Tues., Apr. 28, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Felix Roussel	Tues., Apr. 28, K.P.O.
	Registration	Apr. 28, 1 p.m.
	Letters	Apr. 28, 1 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Apr. 28, 1.45 p.m.
	Registration	Apr. 28, 2.30 p.m.
	Letters	Apr. 28, 2.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 30th May.)	

Straits, *Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles	Persus	Tues., Apr. 28, 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 30th May.)
Swatow	Kwai Sang	Tues., Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., *Canada, Central and South America and *Europe via San Francisco	Chichibu Maru	Wed., Apr. 29, Registration 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m. (Due San Francisco 20th May.)
Sandakan	Mausang	Fri., May 1, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Fri., May 1, 2 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Terukuni Maru	Fri., May 1, K.P.O.
	Registration	Apr. 29, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	Apr. 29, 4.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Apr. 29, 5 p.m.
	Registration	Apr. 29, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Apr. 29, 5 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 28th May.)	

Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Katori Maru	Sat., May 2, 3.30 p.m.
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*Superscribed Correspondence only

AUSTRALIA BANK CRISIS.

THE COMMONWEALTH TO ASSIST.

Canberra, Apr. 22.
Mr. Scullin announced to-day that the Savings Bank of New South Wales would not open its doors to-morrow.

A message from Sydney shows that the bank has met all demands to-day, and the rush considerably decreased before the usual closing hour.

The chairman of the bank has informed the State Premier, Mr. Lang, that he proposes to keep the bank closed whilst negotiations for a merger are proceeding.—*Reuter.*

Commonwealth Bank's Offer.

Later.
Mr. Scullin announced that Sir Robert Gibson, the chairman of the Commonwealth Bank, had advised Mr. Lang that the bank would assist the New South Wales Savings Bank through the Commonwealth Savings Bank, and so relieve depositors who might be seriously embarrassed by the closing of the State savings bank.

The offer is subject to the approval of the State Government and Parliament.

Will Restore Confidence.

Later.
The Board of the Commonwealth Bank has made the bank's assistance of the New South Wales Savings Bank conditional on the New South Wales Government agreeing to adopt a certain course of action drawn up by the Board. Messrs. Latham and Lyons have approved of the Commonwealth Bank's action, as likely to restore confidence in the banks throughout Australia.—*Reuter.*

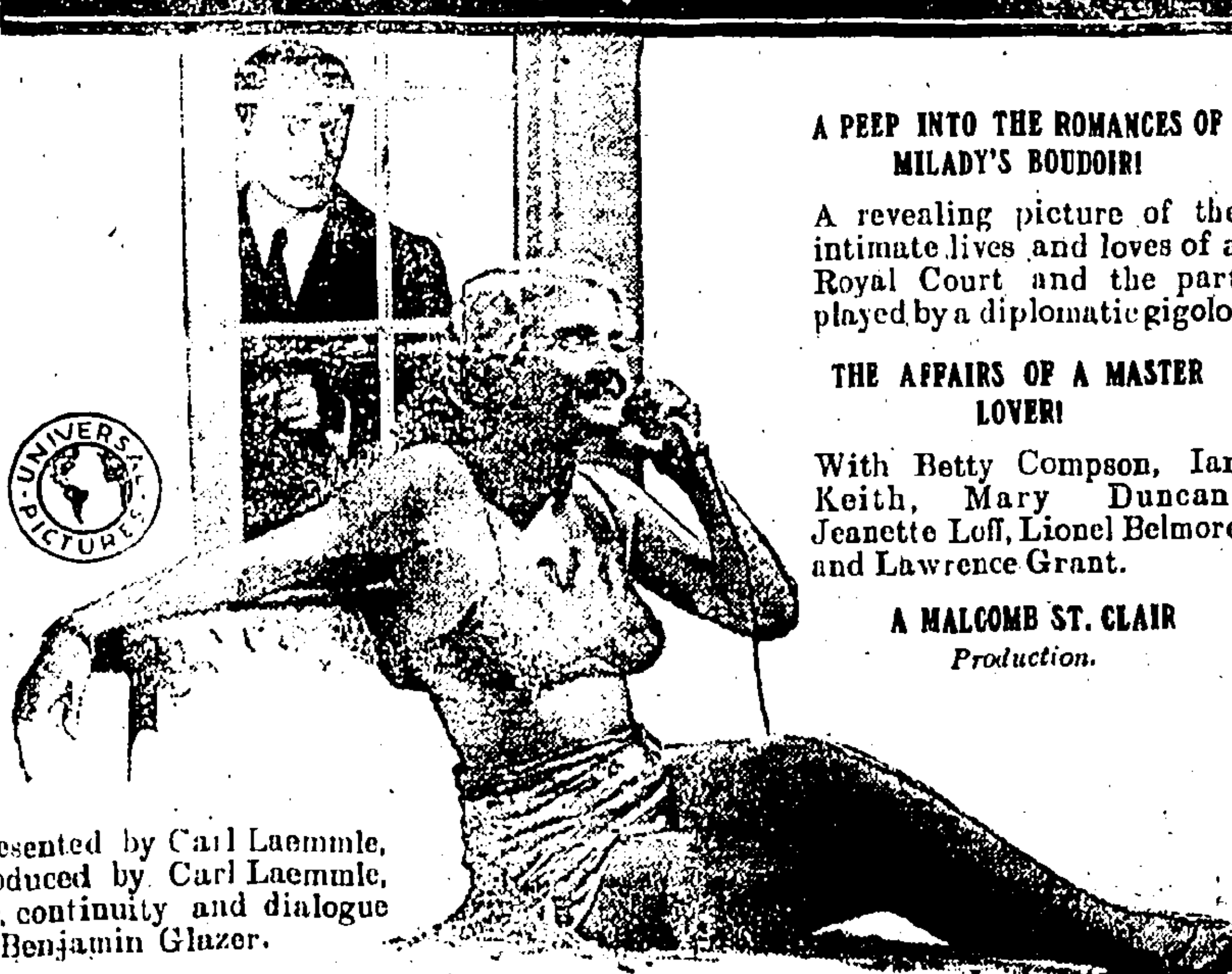
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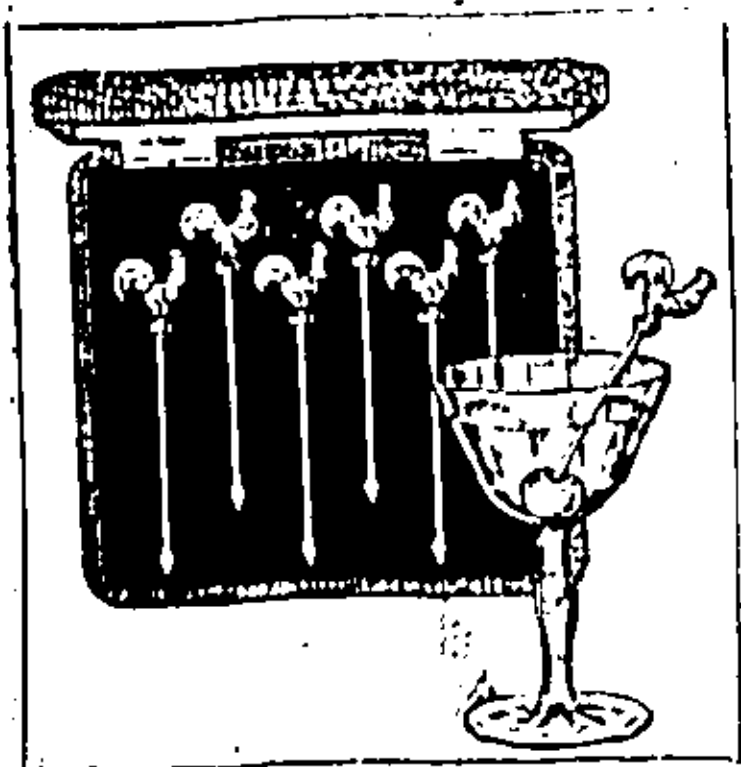
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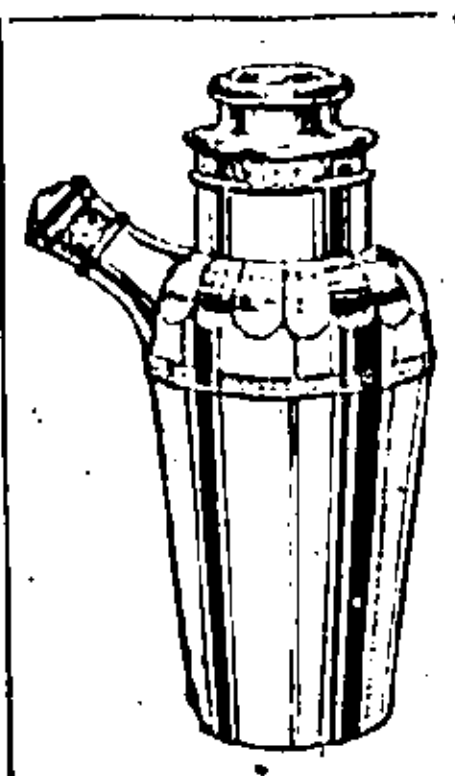


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The family and relatives of the
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friends for the kindly sym-
pathies expressed at the
obsequies of the deceased.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1931.

STABILITY.

We hail with satisfaction the
measures being taken to ac-
quaint the Currency Commis-
sion of the fact that among
a very considerable and in
no means unimportant section
of the community there is a strong
feeling in favour of stabilisation
of the Colony's currency. Hith-
erto, very little has been heard of
the attitude of retail dealers
towards the currency question, a
circumstance which is to be re-
gretted, seeing that the combined
capital of concerns of this char-
acter must run into millions of
dollars, and, moreover, that it is
to the retail stores that the com-
munity looks for the supply of
most of its daily needs. In a
Colony like Hongkong, the retail
houses fulfil a very necessary and,
indeed, an absolutely indispensable
function to residents, but we fear
that the interests of these
establishments, and, with them,
of the community generally, are often
overlooked. These business houses
have every right to consideration
in such a vital matter as currency
reform, for, apart from the ser-
vices rendered to the community,
they contribute largely to rates
and taxes in this Colony.

In the absence of a Retail
Dealers' Association, efforts are
now being made to secure signa-
tures to a letter which will be for-
warded to the Currency Commis-
sion, setting forth arguments in
favour of stabilisation of the
dollar. It behoves all who believe
that stability in our currency is
a primary necessity to support this
movement. As the letter of in-
vitation points out, besides local
firms there are numerous residents,
people whose investments have
been made in British concerns in
Hongkong, who desire a stabilised
dollar. We have on a previous
occasion put forward the position
as it affects the local resident who
has invested his savings locally
in the belief that the dollar would
remain relatively unchanged in
value, but who to-day finds that,
in terms of sterling, he possesses

less than half of what he did a
couple of years' or so ago. We
need not stress the serious
results thus occurring, especially
to people who had hoped within a
reasonable period of time, after
long service in the Colony, to be
able to go back and settle down in
the Old Country. We had almost
given up hope of any avenue being
opened up through which people
so affected might make their views
known to the Currency Commis-
sion. The channel is now provid-
ed. It is therefore the duty of all
residents of the Colony to append
their signatures to the letter which
is to go before the Commission.
We notified in our news columns
yesterday the business establish-
ments where the letter is available
for this purpose. If the com-
munity misses this opportunity and
eventual judgment on the currency
question goes against them by reason
of preponderance of evidence
on the other side, it will only have
itself to blame.

On the general question of
stabilisation, even the General
Chamber of Commerce, which still
clings stubbornly to the idea that
Hongkong must wait for China,
has had to admit that the ideal
currency is one that is stable.
What is more, it has already had
to revise its original ideas in one
important respect. In the latter
part of 1929, it expressed the view
that the fall in exchange would
exercise a beneficial effect on the
Colony's export trade, but it has
since had to concede that the an-
ticipated impetus has not materialised.
It will thus be seen that the
Chamber was entirely astray in its
estimate of the effects of a low
dollar. May it not be equally wrong
when it pretends to forecast the
likely results of a stabilised cur-
rency? It is not sufficient merely
to assert that trade will be driven
from the Colony if the dollar is
fixed. Where is the proof that this
will be so? Events having falsi-
fied the Chamber's forecast in one
respect, they may, if the currency
is stabilised, prove the Chamber's
fears just as fallacious on this
other point. We all know
how disastrously the Colony's
import trade has been hit
by the dollar slump, so that from
whatever angle of business we con-
sider the matter, the results of the
drop in silver have been lament-
able. In the face of these circum-
stances, it is, to say the least,
surprising that the Chamber
should continue to cling to the
worn and frayed argument that
Hongkong cannot act on its own
initiative. The Chamber, however,
does not represent the whole of
the Colony's business interests,
and we trust that due weight will
be given to the views which are
to be put forward on behalf of
mercantile and investing sections
of the community which believe
in stability as the prime necessity.

International Finance.

Mr. Montagu Norman remains
mysteriously silent on the subject
of his recent visit to America, and
his reticence has naturally given
rise to considerable speculation.
It is strongly rumoured, for instance,
that the formation of a World
Trade Credit Bank will emerge
from the discussions. The scheme
envisages the financing of countries,
like China, whose purchasing power
has fallen disastrously through the
slump in commodities, and such a
proposal, carried out, would un-
doubtedly contribute to a restora-
tion of industrial prosperity. It
has yet to be discovered, however,
how close the prophets have ap-
proached to the truth. We may be
sure that Mr. Montagu Norman did
not make the trip in order to
discuss the weather and as America
holds the bulk of the world's gold,
frozen in vaults, performing none
of its functions as the basis of
credit, it is safe to assume that
plans for effecting its release formed
the principal topic at the
various conferences. It is now
agreed on all hands that the world
is suffering, not from over-pro-
duction, but under-consumption.
Business and financial genius is

DAY BY DAY

DEATH FROM SIN NO POWER CAN
SEPARATE.—Milton.

Passengers leaving for Australia by
the s.s. Changtse included Mr. and
Mrs. S. A. Seth, and Mr. and Mrs. W.
Glendinning.

The forthcoming wedding is an-
nounced of Mr. Frederick Charles
Parr, of the Chinese Maritime Cus-
toms, Taishan Island, to Miss Hen-
rietta Jane Lincoln-Lindsey, No. 45,
Hongkong Road, Tientsin.

It is notified that the wreck of the
s.s. Dah Chong lies 3.8 miles, 021°
from Wooning Lighthouse. A green
wreck marking buoy showing a light
flashing green every three seconds is
placed 1½ cables 088° from the wreck.

At a meeting of the General Com-
mittee held after the annual meeting
of the Hongkong General Chamber of
Commerce, Mr. W. H. Bell was elected
Chairman for the ensuing year, and
T. H. R. Shaw was re-elected Vice-
Chairman.

The Committee of the Sailors' and
Soldiers' Home gratefully acknow-
ledges the receipt of the following
donation towards the funds of the
Home:—Military Area Sports Board
(per Captain E. R. Denkin, Hon.
Secretary), \$50.

Following a quarrel with her hus-
band, So Lan-lin, 19 years of age,
residing at 9, Eastern Street, first
floor, attempted to commit suicide by
jumping into the harbour near the
Cheung Chau Ferry Wharf yesterday.
She was rescued and taken to the
Government Civil Hospital.

Chan Kam, the master of a fishing
sampan, was fined \$25 by Mr. Ham-
ilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this
morning, for unlawful possession of a
rope ship's fender, reasonably suspect-
ed of having been stolen. Sergeant
George said that on the approach of
the police launch, some men were seen
to be hastily covering the fender
with sacks. The fender was similar
to the ones used in the Naval Yard.
The defendant said he fished it out
of the water. It was being covered
up, as he did not want his children
to wet themselves against it.

now looking earnestly and intense-
ly for a means of encouragement
to a return of normal consumption
by the removal of the obstacles
which have brought about the de-
pression. Nations have grown out
of the period of isolation in
monetary and credit matters.
Telephones, aeroplanes, ships have
combined to unite the world into
a world market, and the free in-
terchange of commodities is neces-
sary to the prosperity of each and
all. But China cannot play her
part in the recovery with her pur-
chasing power cut in half, while an
increase of her indebtedness to
foreign countries—if the World
Bank scheme fructifies—will not
assist in a final solution of the
problem. An international arrange-
ment for the stabilisation of silver
at something over 2/- an ounce will
be of infinitely greater value. Then
again, Europe cannot respond with
readiness while countries like
America retain prohibitive tariff
walls. It would be pouring money
into a sink to encourage European
industries if outlets for their sur-
plus production do not exist.

**THROUGH SPACE IN A
"MAGIC ROCKET."
ENCHANTMENT OF ASTRONOMY.**

Sir James Jeans is one of those
rare scientists who have the
gift of clear and attractive writing
so that they can be read with en-
joyment by young and old, by ex-
pert and inexpert. In the Stars
in Their Course (published to-day,
Cambridge University Press, 6s.)
he has expended his wireless
lectures to double the original
length and provided a delightful
introduction "to the fascination of
modern astronomy and to the won-
der of the universe we see through
the giant telescopes of to-day." Its
value is increased by more than
40 excellent illustrations.

Sir James takes his readers up
in a "magic rocket" through space
on visit to the various members of
our solar system. A close-up view
of the moon shows its surface to
consist.

Largely of vast flat deserts,
showing no sign of cultivation or
life of any kind. Scattered over
the greater part of it are circular
elevations which look like the rims
of craters of extinct volcanoes,
which is what they probably are.
Four are larger than Devon-
shire, while the largest of all,
Maurolycus, would just include the
whole of Wales.

Ashen Moon.

The surface of the moon, he
believes, "consists of some sort
of volcanic ash," and its appear-
ance is singularly like that of a
photograph of a model of Vesuvius
and the country west of it (by a
slip of the pen "south of it" is
written by the author).

Sir James Jeans, it will be seen,
rejects Professor Pickering's
theory that both snow and vegeta-
tion are to be found in the moon.
When his "magic rocket" reaches
the sun, it discovers there a
stupendous power factory:

Here and there we see dark yawn-
ing cavities, looking rather like the
craters of volcanoes in eruption,
belching out fire and matter from
the sun's interior. On earth we
call them sunspots; now that we
are near them, we can see that
whatever else they may be they are
not spots; many of them are so
big that our whole earth could fall
into them like a hard-boiled egg
into a crevasse.

As the magic rocket reaches the
sun's interior, the thermometer,
could one be devised for such tem-
peratures, would record "some-
thing like 40 million degrees."
If we could take an ordinary shil-
ling out of our pockets, and heat
it up to the temperature of the
sun's centre, its heat would shrivel
up every living thing within thou-
sands of miles of it.

Earth—A Condensed Drop.

How the planets were made is
explained in striking language:

We may notice a particular star,
our sun, meeting with an unusual
accident. A second star ap-
proaches it more closely than any
star has ever before done, and
raises tides higher than have ever

been raised before—tides like huge
mountains of fiery gas travelling
over the sun's surface. Finally,
the gravitational pull of the
second star becomes so great that
the crest of the tidal wave is
drawn off and itself condenses into
drops. These drops are the
planets, and one of the smaller of
them is our earth.

On his visit to Mars, the author
takes the extremely conservative
view that the so-called canals are
imaginary and that there is no real
evidence of life there. Once more
he disregards Professor Pickering's
conclusions, though he ad-
mits that during the planet's win-
ter "a white snow cap undoubtedly
forms round the North Pole." His
final verdict is:

That the life which exists on our
earth is the only life in the sun's
family, although other stars far
out in space may include inhabited
planets in their families.

60 Stars For You.

The universe is a thing of vast
distances and of almost incompre-
hensible magnitudes, if our modern
astronomers are right. The sun
and its planets are part of a
gigantic star system known as the
Galactic System. The number of
stars in this is enormous:

It is almost certainly greater
than 100,000 million; that is to
say, there are almost certainly
more than 60 stars for each man,
woman, and child living on earth.
It may well be twice and perhaps
even three and five times this num-
ber.

On the finest night the best eye-
sight can only see about 3,000
stars. Yet astronomy.

Has discovered that even this
huge system is only one of a vast
number of somewhat similar
systems. The present situation
may be perhaps summed up in the
three statements:

The earth is only one member of
the sun's family.

The sun's family is only one
member of the Galactic System.

The Galactic System is only one
member of the system of star-
cities in space.

There are at least "two million
star-cities," audered by terrible
distances.

On an average, light or a wire-
less message takes something like
two million years to travel from one
star-city to the next nearest city
in space. We realise what ephem-
eral beings we are in the universe,
when we reflect that to flash a
signal from one star-city to the
next and to get an answer back
requires 60,000 times the span of
a man's life.

Snap Bubble Universe.

Yet, if Einstein is right, space
is not unlimited; it must bend
back on itself like the surface of
the earth, so that there will al-
ways be two ways from one end
of the universe to the other; and
it should be possible to see the
same star-city "along two diamet-
rically opposite directions in
space." Though some astronom-
ers hold we can actually do this
now in the case of certain nebulae,
Sir James Jeans is more cautious.
He thinks "space far too big for
our present telescopes to see round
it."

Another new theory of a sensa-
tional kind is that the universe is
expanding like an immense soap
bubble at portentous speed. The
measurements of nebulae at Mount
Wilson.

Show that practically all the
nebulae are stampeding away from
us at terrific rates. A runaway
speed of a thousand miles a second
is quite slow for a nebula. The
last to be investigated... was
found to be receding from us at
the rate of 26 million miles an
hour.

The author, however, thinks that
these calculations are of dubious
value, though he is convinced that
the universe is expanding, and by
so doing is "travelling the road
from birth to death, just as we
all are."

The material universe appears
to be passing away like a tale that
is told, dissolving into nothingness
like a vision. The human race,
whose intelligence dates back only
a single tick of the astronomical
clock, could hardly perhaps hope to
understand so soon what it all
means.

But, admitting this, millions of
years have to lapse before the end
or a new beginning is reached.



"I'll have to ease up a bit, Martha. The doctor says I'm
suffering from athlete's foot."

K.M.A. TROUBLE ON RAILWAY.**QUESTIONS IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.****HONGKONG SHORTAGE.**

London, Apr. 22. In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. A. M. Samuel asked what steps were being taken by Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Secretary, to see that British interests in the Chinese Kailan Mining Administration were fairly treated in relation to transport facilities over the Peking-Mukden Railway.

Mr. Henderson replied that Sir Miles Lampson is in close touch with the Kailan management, and had made representations to the Chinese authorities. The British Minister in China would do his utmost to assist. *—Reuter.*

Local Position.

While they advertise a shortage of coal and inability to make deliveries of household coal, Messrs. Dodwell and Co., Ltd., Hongkong agents for the Kailan Mining Administration, have had no information as to the cause of the disagreement, beyond a telegram from the Administration offices near Tientsin, on April 7.

This was in reference to an item published throughout vernacular and English papers in China to the effect that Tientsin was threatened with a coal shortage because the Kailan Mining Administration were having some disagreement with the Peking-Liaoning Railway in connection with the renewal and revision of the transportation agreement.

The Administration stated that although disagreement did exist between the Administration and the Railway on other matters, there had been no discussion concerning freight rates. The shortage of Kailan coal in all markets was solely due to the failure of the Railway Company to provide sufficient locomotives for the Administration's traffic.

TAIPO ROAD NOW OPENED.**AVAILABLE FOR LIGHT TRAFFIC.**

We are informed by Mr. E. W. Carpenter, Assistant Director of Public Works for the New Territories, that the P.W.D. has effected temporary repairs to the wash-out on the Taiipo Road, where Dr. Farr had such a narrow escape when his car sank through the roadway to a depth of nearly eight feet on Monday and that it is now open for use by light motor traffic, which must not exceed a ton in weight.

Lorries will have to unload their goods, cross the repaired section empty, and reload on the other side, but buses will not be able to use either the Shatin or the Castle Peak Roads beyond the washouts until further repairs have been effected.

The work done up to the present has been the clearing of the slips and filling in the washouts on the coastal road, while certain repairs, allowing for its use by very light traffic, have been put into operation on the bridge.

The Department is still working on the roads so as to ensure in the quickest possible time a sufficiently strong thoroughfare to allow for heavy through-traffic.

We are informed by the Hongkong Tramways Ltd., that the emergency motor bus service to Shatin will be discontinued after 7 o'clock to-night.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY OBSERVANCE.**"RETREAT" POSTPONED BY REASON OF RAIN.**

Owing to the possibility of rain, and the sudden condition of the Hongkong Cricket Club Ground, the "Retreat," which the South Wales Borderers were to perform this afternoon, in accordance with the usual St. George's Day custom, has been postponed.

The customary St. George's Day concert will be held as arranged in the Lee Theatre to-night.

Members of the Committee of the St. George's Society assembled at the Cenotaph this morning, to lay a wreath on the steps. Those present included Mr. E. Cook (President), Mr. H. B. L. Dewhurst (Vice-President), Hon. Mr. G. G. Alabaster, Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton and Mr. T. E. Pearce (past President), and Messrs. C. B. Johnson, F. C. Hall, L. C. F. Bellamy, W. A. Cornwell, E. F. A. Scott, and F. J. Sherrill (Committee), and Mr. P. S. Cassidy (secretary).

Capt. T. A. H. Colman, A.D.C. to the Governor, also laid a wreath on behalf of His Excellency.

RANGERS RETAIN ADVANTAGE.**SCOTTISH LEADERS ALL SHARE POINTS.****LINCOLN DROP BACK.**

London, Apr. 22. The last match in the international soccer tournament was played at Wrexham between Ireland and Wales to-day, resulting in the first Welsh victory of the season, by the odd goal of five.

The final table, with England and Scotland bracketed as champions, follows:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
England	3	2	0	1	9	3	4
Scotland	3	1	2	0	3	1	4
Wales	3	1	1	1	4	7	3
Ireland	3	0	1	2	3	8	1

Sheriff's Shield.

In the Sheriff of London's Shield match at Highbury, the Arsenal, league champions, defeated Corinthians by five goals to three.

League Soccer.

A number of league matches were also played to-day including three very important Scottish League games, affecting the championship, or rather, which might have affected the championship if all the three leaders had not drawn.

The results were:

Scottish League.

Motherwell	1	Ayr United	1
Dundee	0	Celtic	0
Partick	1	Rangers	1

Division III (South).

Brighton	2	Coventry	0
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Division III (North).

Chesterfield	3	Lincoln City	2
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The important league revisions follow:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rangers	37	26	6	5	92	29	58
Celtic	35	23	9	4	97	33	55
Motherwell	37	23	8	6	99	41	54
Partick	37	23	5	9	72	42	51
Hearts	37	19	5	13	88	61	43
Aberdeen	38	17	7	14	78	62	41
Cowdenbeath	37	17	7	13	57	60	41
Dundee	37	17	5	15	64	69	39
Airdrie	37	17	4	16	58	64	38
Hamilton	38	16	6	16	59	67	37
Glyde	37	15	4	18	60	85	34
Kilmarnock	36	14	6	17	66	69	33
Falkirk	37	14	3	20	75	85	31
Queen's Park	36	13	6	18	65	69	30
St. Mirren	37	11	8	18	48	69	30
Morton	37	11	7	19	66	78	29
Leith	37	8	11	18	51	92	27
Hibernians	37	9	6	22	47	79	24
Ayr	36	6	11	19	47	91	23
East Fife	37	8	4	25	45	109	20

Southern Section.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Nottingham	40	24	10	6	95	41	58
Crewe Palace	40	20	7	13	101	70	47
Southend	40	21	5	14	75	68	47
Northampton	40	17	12	11	72	65	46
Brentford	40	20	6	14	83	61	46
Brighton	40	16	14	10	63	60	46

Northern Section.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Chesterfield	41	25	6	10	94	56	56
Lincoln	40	24	7	9	98	53	55
Tranmere	40	24	6	10	110	69	54

ROYAL LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY.**HONGKONG INSTRUCTION TO RECOMMENCE SOON.**

A copy of a letter written by Sir Frederick Ponsonby to Lord Desborough, K.G., G.C.V.O., in connection with the Royal Life Saving Society, which has been received by Mr. R. J. Hunt, of the Hongkong Police, from the Chief Secretary of the Society in London.

Sir Frederick writes as follows: "My Dear Desborough,—I have had before the King the Annual Report of the Royal Life Saving Society, which His Majesty is pleased to hear, has had another very successful season."

"The King read, with much interest, the record of the brave deeds and rescues performed by holders of certificates, and feels that these practical results of the Society's instructions must be most gratifying to you and those who work with you in all parts of the Empire."

"His Majesty was glad to learn that the elementary schools are taking keen interest and is convinced in this most necessary accomplishment of life saving will have very far reaching results."

With the approach of the summer months instruction in life-saving will be recommenced and it is hoped that last year's interest will not only be sustained but surpassed, particularly among the schools and the various troops of Boy Scouts. Mr. R. J. Hunt, Hongkong Police, who is stationed at the Central Police Station, is the local representative, and he will be pleased to supply any information regarding the classes.

Last year no fewer than 65 certificates and bronze medallions, six awards of merit, one diploma and obtained in Hongkong.

FUGITIVE MUST RETURN.**HANDED OVER TO ESCORT FROM RANGOON.****LEGAL ARGUMENT.**

The case concerning Tan Katin, a Fukiense, who is "wanted" at Rangoon for alleged criminal breach of trust involving the sum of 75,000 Rupees, was again before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning.

For the accused, Mr. Lin-shing Lo argued that the Court had to go further than in a mere extradition case, and satisfy itself that the provisional warrant was backed by a proper original warrant duly endorsed.

Furthermore, the Court had to go further than the laws of the Colony—it had to satisfy itself that the stated offence was one against the laws of the place from which the fugitive escaped.

Mr. Lo cited the provisions of the Fugitive Offenders' Act of 1921 under which the present proceedings were taken, showing how Hongkong and Burma were grouped in the same legal division, calling for a closer investigation into the facts before the wanted man was surrendered from the one place to the other. The local Court had to adhere strictly to its own procedure irrespective of the point whether the accused man was or was not guilty of the offence for which his return was sought.

Sections of the King's Order-in-Council defining the legal status of Burma, of the Indian Penal Code upon which Burma's criminal law was based, and of the Fugitive Offenders' Act were extensively read.

For the police, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy said the requirements had been all met. They had the original warrant, produced by a proper authority, and the Section of the Indian Penal Code under which proceedings were taken.

After the police escort from Rangoon, Sub-Inspector Li Ting-fing had duly sworn to the validity of the warrant, the Court ordered the return of the fugitive in the custody of the witness.

WEST INDIES PROBLEMS.**FINANCIAL ADVISER TO INVESTIGATE.**

London, Apr. 22. The Secretary of State for the Colonies, has, with the concurrence of the Treasury, appointed Sir Sydney Arncliffe-Smith to undertake a mission to the Leeward Islands and to St. Lucia, in the Windward Islands as Financial Adviser.

He will submit a report on revenue and expenditure, and examine the possibility of improving the financial position of the Colonies in the question of difficulties due mainly to depression in the sugar industry and the hurricane in Dominica last summer.

He will also, with the Chief Justice of the Leeward Islands, form a Commission about to be appointed to enquire into the recent disturbances in Dominica. *—British Wireless.*

RETURN OF THE S.S. LIMCHOW.**NOT LIKELY TO ARRIVE TILL SATURDAY.**

Enquiries made at Messrs. Sing Kee & Co., the local agents of the s.s. Limchow, which grounded off Pochim Pagoda recently and has now been refloated, revealed that bad weather in Hainan Straits had delayed the work of the rescue tug Henry Keswick which is towing the Limchow back to Hongkong.

It was stated yesterday that the Henry Keswick was due here some time to-day or to-morrow, but information has now been received to the effect that she will not be here until Saturday at the earliest.

USE OF HARBOUR BUOYS.**INTERESTING POINT AT THE MARINE COURT.**

An interesting point arose at the Marine Court this morning when the coxswain of the motor boat Yuen Sang was summoned before the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, R.N., for mooring to a buoy without a permit from the Harbour Master.

His Worship said he had gone into the case in Chambers and had decided that the charge was not an offence. Anybody was entitled to moor to Government buoys but when they did so, they were liable to charges for such buoys. The charge for a "B" buoy, to which defendant's boat was moored, was \$12 for one day or part of a day. The case was dismissed.

LORD LANGFORD MYSTERY.**MARRIAGE IN VICTORIA REPORTED.****ROMANTIC STORY.**

A remarkable development in the already romantic story of the succession to the Irish barony of Langford is reported.

It will be recalled that the sixth baron died in Corsica in January, his heir being his nephew, Mr. C. W. Rowley, who is in Australia, where he has been earning a living as a farm labourer.

Before he went to Australia he married, in Dublin, in 1922 Miss Florence Shiel, who has since been earning a living as a waitress in a London teashop in the Strand.

On hearing of her husband's succession to the peerage, she left for Dublin, and it was understood to be her intention to visit the Langford estate at Summerhill, Co. Meath.

Recently The Daily Mail received by cable from Melbourne the statement that there had been discovered in that city a certificate which shows that on June 10, 1930, a marriage was celebrated by the Rev. John A. Crockett, at the Presbyterian Church Elsternwick, Victoria, in which the contracting parties were:

Clotworthy Wellington Thomas Edward Rowley, age 44; and Gertrude Anderson Summerhayes, age 47.

On the certificate the bridegroom was described as a widower since June 8, 1929, while the bride was described as a musician, born in London, and stated to have been divorced on May 28, 1929, and to have one child by her former marriage living.

Reference to Burke's Peerage discloses the fact that the unusual Christian names of the bridegroom in the Melbourne certificate are those of the new Lord Langford, who is recorded as having married Miss Florence Eileen Shiel in Dublin in 1922.

There is, however, one discrepancy. The reference books state that Lord Langford was born on June 1, 1885, which, in June 1930, the date of the Victoria wedding, would make him 45, and not 44, as stated on the certificate.

Visited in London by a reporter yesterday, Mrs. Shiel, mother of Lady Langford, said she could not understand the matter at all.

"I was present," she said, "at my daughter's marriage to Mr. Rowley at the Church of the Star of the Sea, Sandymount, Dublin, in 1922, and, of course, my daughter is still alive and has never been divorced from her husband."

"Her marriage to Mr. Rowley was performed by a Jesuit, but before he would marry her he insisted on a cable being sent to New Zealand to see if Mr. Rowley had been married in that country, but he had not. I really know nothing more about the matter."

WHITEKING OF VOODOO ISLE.**A RUNAWAY BOY.**

New York, Mar. 27.

A romantic story of a Pennsylvania farm boy who became King of the Voodoo Island of La Gonave off Haiti, was told here to-day when Faustine Wilkies, otherwise "King" Faustine, returned to his native land shorn of his regal splendours.

Wilkies, who ran away from home to join the marines, was sent to Haiti some years ago and there rose to command of the work on La Gonave.

The fat old native queen of the island beheld in him the reincarnation of the emperor and the natives crowned him king with elaborate ceremonial.

"King" Faustine ruled very efficiently, according to travellers who penetrated his mysterious kingdom.

There was apparently some how among his subjects that he would marry a white girl to share his throne, but news of "King" Faustine's activities came to the ears of President Borno of Haiti, and he complained of the introduction of a white monarchy into the black republic.

As a consequence the American authorities relieved Wilkies of his official assignment to the island and he rejoined the Marine Corps.

A big, hulking man, Li Yee, was charged before Mr. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy, this morning, with having assaulted a small boy, Li Tze-mui, at the Yau-mai Market yesterday. The defendant said he only smacked the boy on the face. The incident occurred because the boy refused to take some meat, which he said was tough, and the defendant slapped him, saying "take it or leave it." A fine of \$5, or seven days imprisonment, was imposed.

LOCAL RADIO.**RELAY OF ST. GEORGE'S CONCERT.**

To-day's radio programme to be broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres.

6.30-8.30 p.m. Chinese Studio Concert.

7.00 p.m. Stock Quotations.

8.00 p.m. Weather Report, Local Time, etc.

8.30-10.45 p.m. Approximately. Relay of St. George's Concert from the Lee Theatre.

During interval there will be a recorded programme from the Studio. The Victor Records used in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Tsang Fook Plane Co.

10.45 p.m. Approximately. Close Down.

£700,000 GIFTS TO A WOMAN.**MR. M. NAPIER'S BEQUESTS.**

An unexpected millionaire estate, with a woman as the principal beneficiary to an estimated extent of £700,000, was revealed when probate was granted of the will of Mr. Montague Stanley Napier, of Villa des Clites, Cannes.

Mr. Napier was formerly chairman and joint managing director of Messrs. D. Napier and Son, Ltd., motor-car and aeroplane engine manufacturers, who designed the engines fitted in the Gloucester-Napier aeroplanes built for the Schneider Trophy contest.

The estate is valued for the purposes of the English grant at £1,243,578 gross, with net personally £1,200,208.

The duties on the property at this valuation and according to the dispositions of the will, will amount to about £570,000.

Among Mr. Napier's bequests are:

£1,000 to each of his secretaries, Annie Parrington and Edith Quinton.

£10,000, his properties at Dieppe and effects there and all his household effects at Cannes to Norah Mary Fryer.

A life annuity of £1,500 to his son Carill Stanley Napier.

An annuity of £1,000 to each child other than his daughter Phyllis, who is to receive an annuity of £500, these annuities to begin on the death of his wife, Alice Caroline Mary.

Cancer Research.

He also left an annuity of £1,000 to his brother, Walter Percy Napier, and the residue of his property upon trust for Norah Mary Fryer for life with remainder.

for the advancement of knowledge and the benefit of mankind by research, whether in the United Kingdom or abroad, with the object of ascertaining the cause of cancer (including corresponding or allied diseases) and the means of its prevention, cure, and alleviation, in the discretion of his trustees.

He charged his children to accept the dispositions of his will, but directed that in the event of any of them disputing its provisions such one should forfeit all interest thereunder.

Mrs. Norah Mary Fryer, the principal beneficiary under the will, is living in the south of France. The residue of Mr. Napier's property which Mrs. Fryer has been left a trust for life after all other bequests have been paid, may amount to about £700,000.

Miss Annie Parrington, one of the two women secretaries to whom he left £3,000 each, died about two years ago. A member of the firm of Messrs. D. Napier and Son, Ltd., said:

We do not know of her having any relatives to whom her legacy from Mr. Napier might revert. Mr. Napier and his two secretaries, Miss Parrington and Miss Quinton, worked together confidentially and privately apart from the chief offices of the firm.

Miss Quinton left the employ of the firm about 1908, but I understand that her private work for Mr. Napier continued until quite recently.

BIG BEN GOES PINK.**FLOOD-LIGHTING EXPERIMENTS.**

London, Mar. 28. Big Ben went pink last night. Then St. Stephen's Tower also went pink—to the astonishment of passing crowds.

It was the first of a series of flood-lighting experiments by experts, as part of the programme for the International Illumination Congress, to be held in London next September.

Twelve flood-lights were placed in the garden of the Speaker's house, and when they were operated the tower was illuminated.

The effect was magical. The bright light of Big Ben's dial faded out as the clock glowed with a rosy pink colour. Then the experts tried several other colours. These experiments lasted for nearly an hour.

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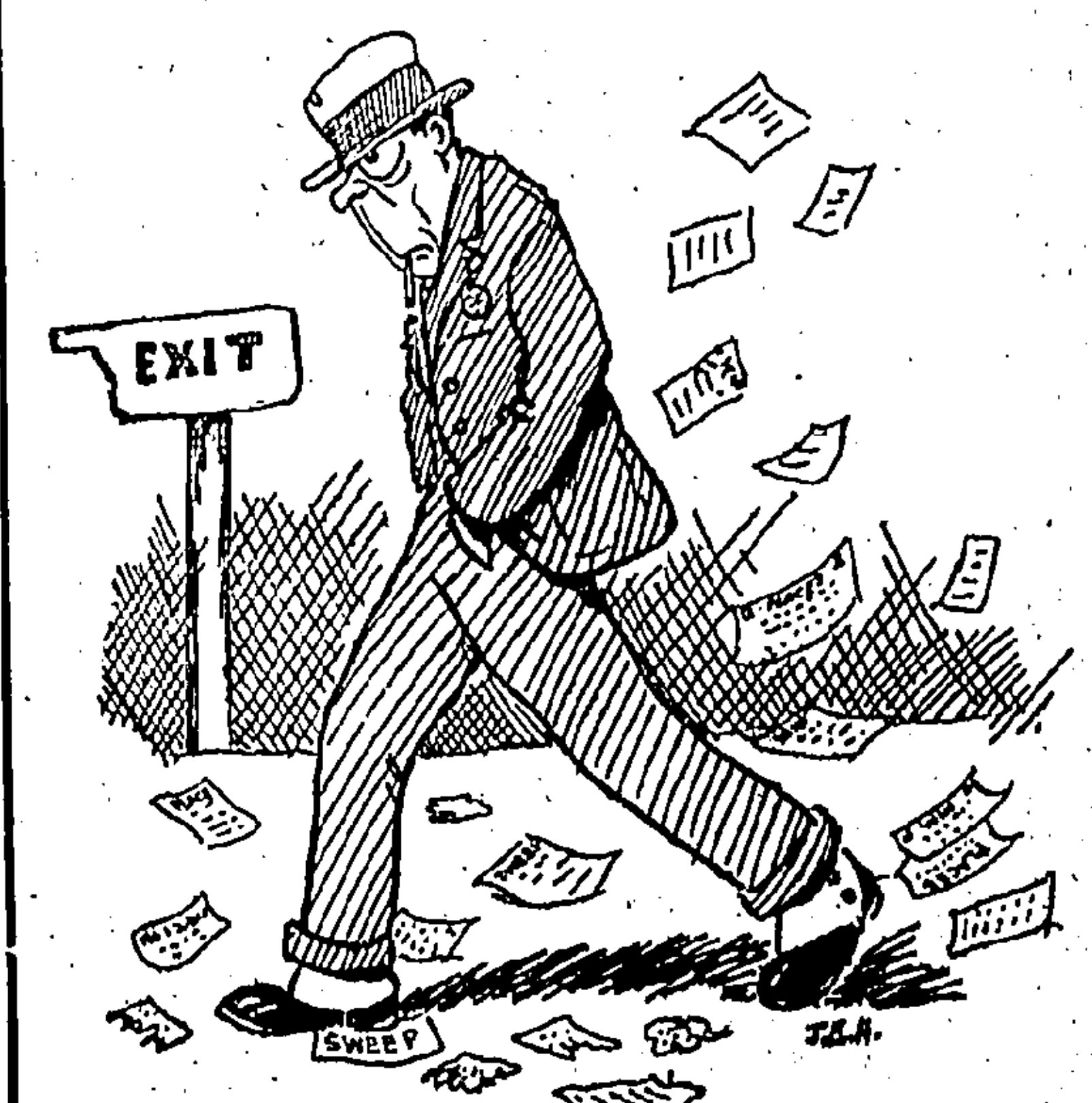
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ARE WE SUNSHINE FOOTBALLERS?

POSTPONEMENT OF CLUB
MATCH YESTERDAY.

POLICE LOSE TO R.A.

[By "Wanderer."]

The cancellation of the Club's match with Kowloon in the Senior League yesterday afternoon prompts an enquiry as to whether our local knights of the whistle are fair-weather referees, or whether they consider local footballers are fair-weather players.

The game was postponed on the ground that the pitch was unfit. Twenty minutes before the time of kick-off, the pitch was in ideal condition. A heavy shower, lasting about ten minutes, left a few pools on the ground, and by 5.10 even the slight drizzle had ceased. But the match was called off in spite of the fact, as I gathered, that both teams were ready to play.

The pitch was certainly not in the best of states, but the worst of it would probably have drained away within a quarter of an hour, and there was little or no justification for postponement. Shield finals have been played in the past in far worse conditions.

R. A. Success.

On the Kowloon ground, the Royal Artillery met the Police and secured an odd goal victory after a strenuous and interesting game. The Police scored first, and had rather the better of the play throughout, but their forwards missed many opportunities, and the Artillery raids were always dangerous.

Moore levelled up the scores before the interval, and Salt headed the winning goal some ten minutes from the end.

Stanton, who led the R. A. attack, was injured in a collision with McHardy in the second half and had to be carried off. The R. A. starting with ten men, thus finished with nine, and their success, in the circumstances, was creditable.

In the Second Division, Kowloon shared the points with Eastern. Eastern led by two clear goals at one stage, but Kowloon applied strong pressure and forced a draw.

ANDREWS COMING.

TO PLAY IN EXHIBITION
TENNIS NEXT MONTH.

E. D. Andrews, the ex-New Zealand tennis champion, and British International, is leaving Singapore for Hongkong on board the s.s. Sarpedon on Saturday next, and will arrive here, it is anticipated, on Friday week, May 1.

He has wired the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association to say that he is perfectly willing to appear in exhibition matches with local players, and the Association is hoping to make arrangements for the staging of a three-day exhibition, in the course of which singles and doubles matches will be featured.

They are already in negotiation with the Hongkong Cricket Club for the use of the Club ground and stands, and there is little doubt that satisfactory arrangements will be made in this respect.

Andrews, who is on a business tour of the Near and Far East, has already appeared in International matches in India on his way out, and recently played exhibition games at Singapore and Manila. He has, however, been sick, which has delayed his departure from the Malay States. He was originally to have arrived in Hongkong to-day. He is assured of a warm welcome to the Colony and there is every promise of being staged the most attractive programme of exhibition tennis yet presented to the local public.

League Annual Meeting.

Club Secretaries are reminded that the annual meeting of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association and League is to be held on Thursday next, April 23rd, in the Secretary Board Room, Post Office Building, at 6.30 p.m. when the annual report and statement of accounts will be presented, and arrangements for the approaching league season discussed and approved. It is important that all clubs intending to participate in the league should endeavour to be represented at this meeting, as the agenda contains items of paramount interest.

Match Postponed.

As a result of the downpour just before 4 p.m. yesterday, the semi-final match in the Open Singles Tennis Championship between E. C. Fincher and M. W. Lo, fixed for yesterday afternoon, had to be put off to a later date.

To-day being St. George's Day, the Hongkong Cricket Club ground will be utilised for the "Retreat" and no matches have been arranged for to-day.

To-morrow will see, if the weather is good, one of the best matches in the tournament. E. A. Ramjohn, who is regarded by many to have the best chance for the championship, will meet his brother, "C.A.L." once champion of Tientsin. A really good game is anticipated.

LOCAL ESTATES.

THREE FURTHER WILLS
DEALT WITH.

Local estate to the value of \$31,700 was left by the late Mr. Frederick Leonard Tyne, formerly of No. 3, Fawcett Street, Middlesex, Gardens, Kensington, who died at The Furze, Corhampton Road, Pokesdown Hill, Bournemouth, on August 5, 1930. Gross estate in Great Britain amounts to \$3,634 7s. 2d.

Re-securing of probate of the will has been granted to Mr. M. H. Turner, of Messrs. Deacons, who is attorney for the executors. Everything is bequeathed to the widow.

The late Mr. Osman Mohamed Sadlek, who was employed as a clerk by the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, and who died at No. 81, Lee Gardens Street, on March 16, 1931, left local estate worth \$4,300. Letters of administration have been granted to the widow, Lau Yuk-wai, of the Lee Gardens Street address.

Re-securing of testament—testamentary of the Trust disposition and settlement of the estate of the late Mr. Archibald Scott Brown, marine insurance broker, late of Three Exchange Square, Glasgow, who died at Miyashita, Kilmacmillan, Scotland, on April 14, 1929 has been granted to Mr. H. C. Macnamara, of Messrs. Deacons.

Estate in Hongkong amounts to \$2,300, while the movable estate in Great Britain totals £49,559 12 6d.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris	124.29 1/2	124.28 1/2
Geneva	25.23	25.22 1/2
Berlin	20.40 1/2	20.40 1/2
Ole	18.17	18.16 1/2
Helsingfors	19.3	19.3
Buenos Aires	35.7 1/2	35.15 1/2
Athens	375	375
Shanghai	1/23 1/2	1/23 1/2
New York	4.85 15/16	4.85 15/16
Amsterdam	12.10	12.10 1/2
Stockholm	18.14 1/2	18.14 1/2
Vienna	34.56 1/2	34.55 1/2
Madrid	48.75	48.80
Bucharest	817	817
Montevideo	32 1/2	32 1/2
Hongkong	11.13 1/2	11.13 1/2
Brussels	34.95 1/2	34.95 1/2
Copenhagen	18.10 1/2	18.10 1/2
Milan	92.77 1/2	92.77 1/2
Lisbon	164 1/2	164 1/2
Rio	108.25	108.25
Bombay	3 1/2	3.31 1/4
Yokohama	1/6.13 1/2	1/6.13 1/2
Silver (spot)	2/0.13 1/2	2/0.13 1/2
(forward) 13.2 1/2	12.15 1/2	12.15 1/2

—British Wireless.

THE CUP FINAL.

CONFIDENCE OF THE RIVAL
CAPTAINS.

London, Apr. 22.
"We are confident of taking the Cup at St. Andrew's," said Ted Barkas, Birmingham's captain. "If triers can win, we shall be the winners."

Glidden, the West Bromwich captain, is equally confident. He said, "Although we haven't many stars, we are a team, and of course hope to win."

Enthusiasts and critics all over the country agree that Saturday's final will be one of the closest in recent years.

The more experienced Birmingham side's misfortune, due to injuries, players have not yet ended. The centre forward Bradford, who is suffering from knee trouble, is not sure of inclusion.

West Bromwich's more impressive League record make them slight favourites.—*Reuter.*

CANTON FEARS "RED" ACTIVITIES.

ARMY, NAVY AND POLICE
IN CO-OPERATION.

Canton, Apr. 22.
Communist activity on the Kwangtung frontier, where defeated bandits from Kiangsi are making an attempt to cross Kwangtung along the East River, is causing anxiety to Canton military officers, who have enforced martial law in the city during the past two days.

Special armed police, co-operating with the garrison soldiers, are to be seen on patrol, while the Navy have also been instructed to maintain a sharp lookout. Suspicious characters have been subjected to rigid searches by the military and police at various strategic points.—*Reuter.*

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

WIN FOR ANTHURUM AT
25 TO ONE.

London, Apr. 22.
The result of the City and Suburban, run to-day, was as follows:

Anthurum	1.
The Pen	2.
Caballero	3.

Seventeen started, and the race was won by three lengths, with one length between second and third. Betting was 25/1 Anthurum, 33/1 The Pen, and 33/1 Caballero.—*Reuter.*

CHRISTIANITY IN INDUSTRY.

MANIFESTOS OF MEN
AND EMPLOYERS.

Industrial Sunday challenges all to play their part in the great effort to reconstruct and adjust. It is real work for men and women and for those who can bring new ideas and labour with imagination and vision.

This is an extract from a manifesto drawn up by Mr. F. O. Roberts, Minister of Pensions, on behalf of thousands of workers in connexion with Industrial Sunday, which will be held this year on April 26.

It is signed by the Prime Minister, members of the Cabinet, many members of Parliament, and the secretaries and presidents of employers' associations representative of almost every industry in the country.

"It is not enough to declare 'all is not right with the world,' the manifesto continues. 'A great crusading army is needed to stand for righteousness and truth against existing social evils and injustices and for the quickening of a real brotherhood in social and industrial life.'"

Mutual Trust.

The Industrial Christian Fellowship has issued, together with the employees' manifesto, another drafted by Lord Luke of Pavenham, chairman of Bovril, Ltd., on behalf of the employers.

The anniversary on April 26 is an organised effort to put before great congregations and audiences and to urge upon all individuals the necessity for application of the fundamental principles of Christianity in industry, commerce, and finance.

There must be mutual trust—and a realisation on each side of the need of the other.

This manifesto is signed by many industrial chiefs, among them Sir Herbert Austin, Sir Arthur Balfour, Sir Ernest Bann, Sir Woodman Burbridge, Viscount Cecil of Chelwood, Sir J. Colman, Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen, Sir John Fry, Lord Hawke, Lord Hollenden, Sir G. B. Hunter, Sir Harry MacGowan, Sir Edward Manville, Lord Marshall, Sir D. Milne-Watson, Sir William Morris, Sir Max Muspratt, Sir Ernest Petter, and Sir Edwin Stockton.

The True Spirit.

The following messages have been received by the Industrial Christian

INDIAN AIR MAIL.

FLYING BOATS SUGGESTED.

London, Apr. 22.

Replying to a question by Comdr. Kenworthy in the House of Commons, as to why flying boats were not used on the Singapore-Port Darwin section of the Australian air mail route, Mr. Montague said that land planes were being used because the route through the Dutch Indies was organised for land planes only.

He pointed out that a Dutch company was already operating a route with land planes. The establishment of a regular service was still being discussed, but the use of flying boats would necessitate a re-organisation involving an additional expenditure, instead of taking advantage of facilities already existing.

Comdr. Kenworthy pointed out that flying boats were used on the Mediterranean portion of the route, and Mr. Montague reiterated that the organisation was lacking, but added that the matter would be reconsidered when the question of a regular service arose.—*Reuter.*

Fellowship from Dr. Lang, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Dr. Temple, the Archbishop of York.

From the Archbishop of Canterbury:

The desire of employers and representatives of labour who have expressed themselves as supporters of the observance of Industrial Sunday is an indication of the spirit which ought to govern our industrial relations.

They recognise fully the place of Christian principles, and the Church ought to show its sympathy and its desire to do all that it can to make the rule of Christian principles prevail.

This, I understand, is the aim of Industrial Sunday, and I commend its observance wherever possible this year on Sunday, April 26.

From the Archbishop of York:

I trust that Industrial Sunday, which is to be observed on April 26, will be kept in churches throughout the Northern Province.

We all agree that nothing is so needed as the bringing of the Christian spirit to bear upon the problems of industrial life, whether in town or country; and the observance of this Sunday is one of the most effective ways of helping forward that great cause.

I suggest that the prayer quoted from Queen Elizabeth's collection of prayers in the appeal signed by the Prime Minister and others should be used in Church services on Industrial Sunday.

BOY WHO LIKES THRILLS.

PICTURES AFTER A BANDIT
CHASE.

London, Mar. 2.
Fifteen-year-old Samuel Spray, of Palslow, is fond of thrills. He had his fill of them last night, for after

Seeing a raid on a sub-post office, Falling in his efforts to stop the thieves, and

Giving the police the number of the motor-car in which the thieves made their escape (a smart boy, Sam), he went to the pictures in search of more.

Some works at the post office and he was putting up the shutters when two men walked past him and entered the shop. Through the doorway he watched them.

"I saw them enter the telephone-box," he told a "News-Chronicle" reporter, "and at the same time they looked behind the counter. Then I heard someone scream for help, and, dropping the shutters, I rushed towards the doorway."

Just as I got inside two men ran past me and crossed the road to a light-blue car in which were two men. I rushed after them, but before I could reach the car it was driven off.

"Scores of people who were standing at the street corner took no notice of my shouts for help. I got the number of the car, and was also able to tell the police how the two men who entered the shop were dressed."

The riders acted so quickly that they were rushing out of the shop with a bag containing about £6 in cash before the two women who were behind the counter could raise the scream of warning heard by the boy.

It was later found that the car used in the raid had been stolen some time previously at Ilford.

HEAVY FINES FOR A SAMOA FIRM.

SEQUEL TO DISTURBANCES A
FEW YEARS AGO.

Apia, Samoa, Apr. 22.
As a sequel to the disorders in Samoa in 1927, the Nelson Company, Limited, a large trading organisation in Samoa, has been convicted on twenty-eight charges under the Seditious Organisations Ordinance, and fined £200 on each charge.—*Reuter.*

From Pocket Pen to Desk Pen

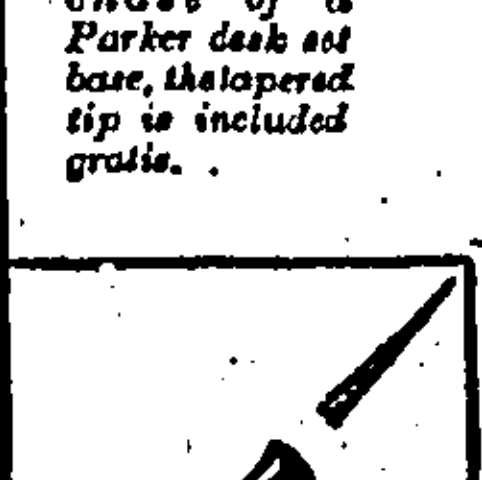
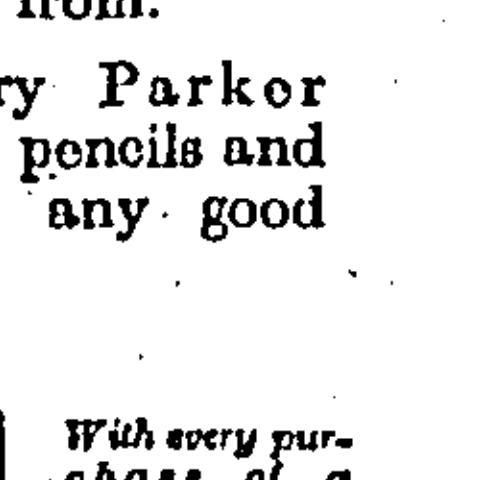
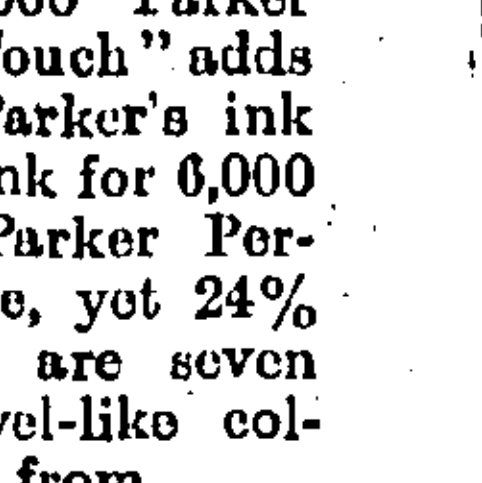
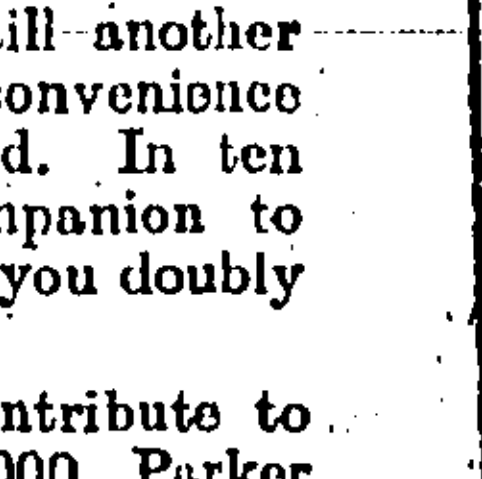
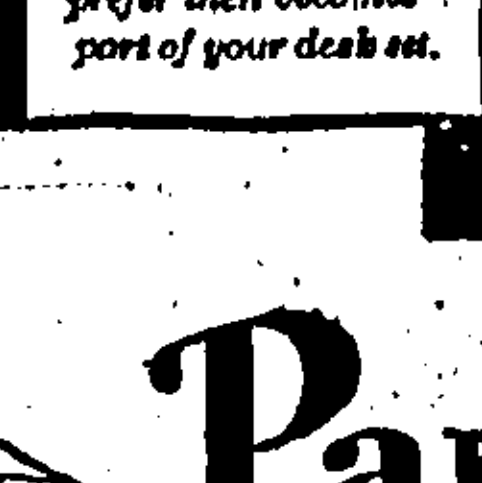
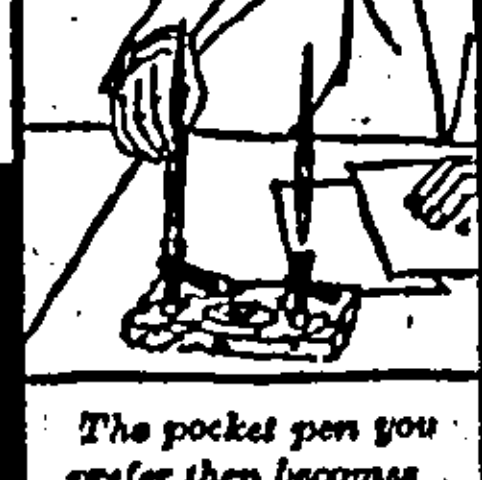
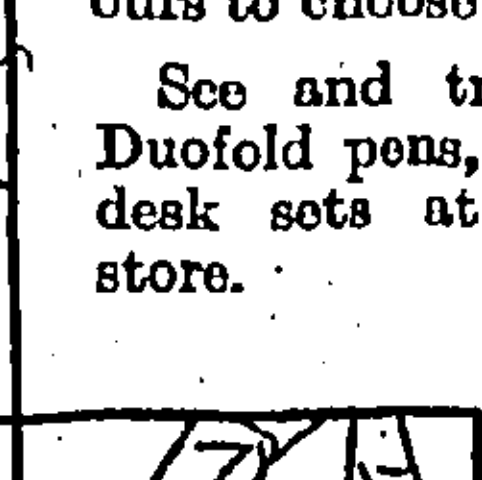
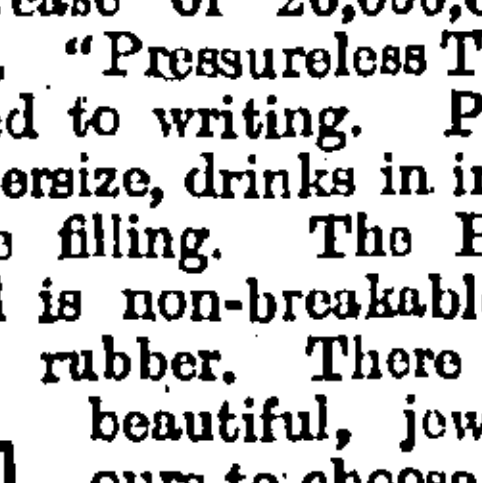
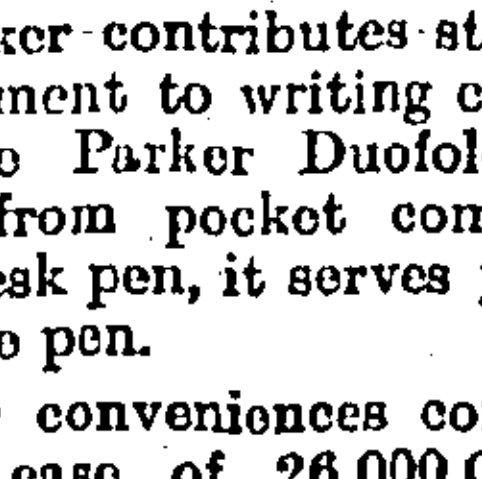
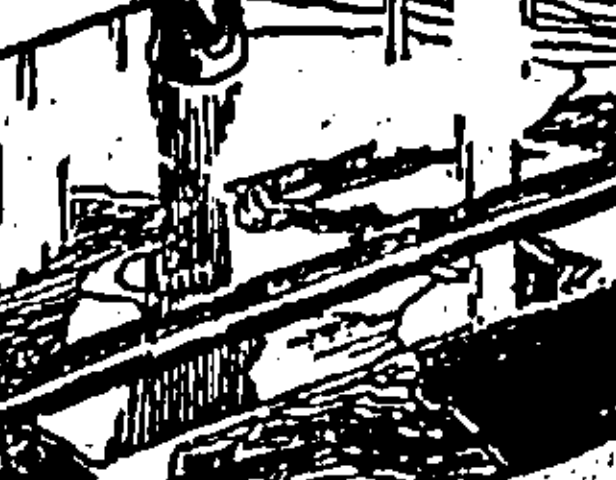
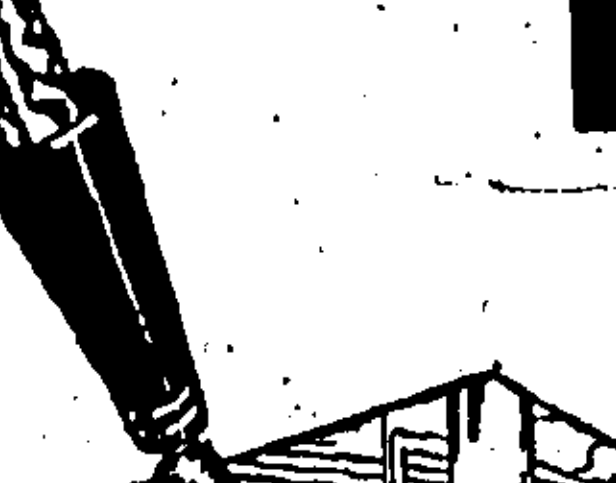
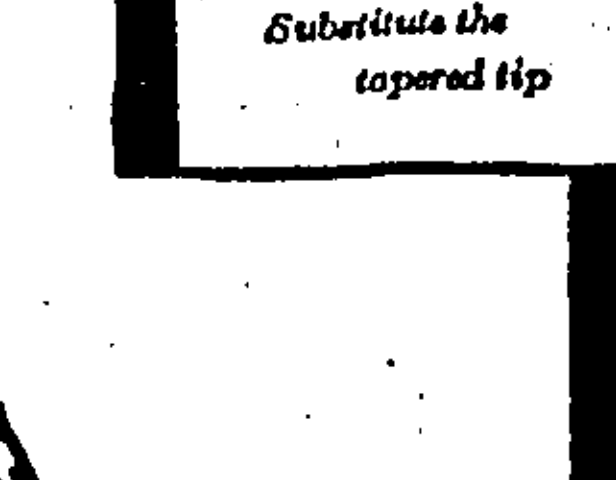
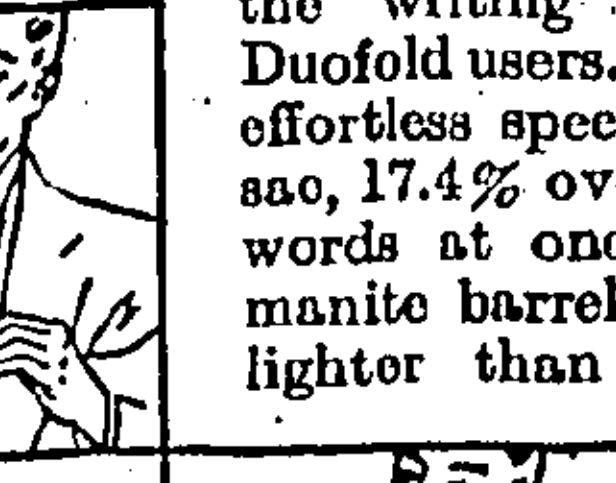
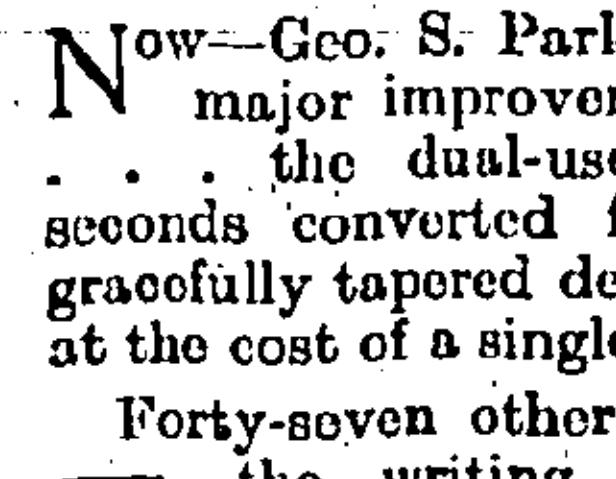
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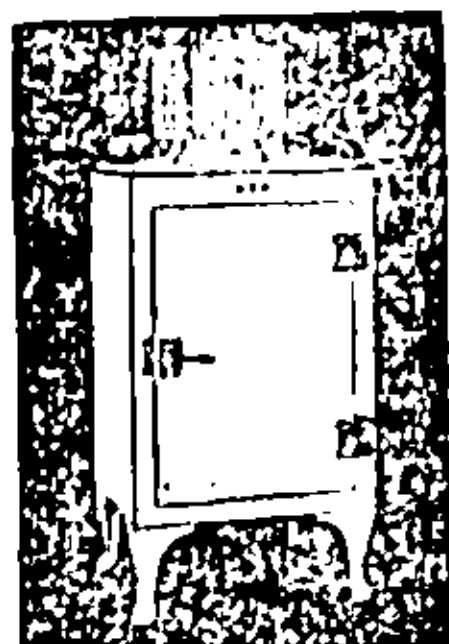
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CINEMA NOTES.

MANY STARS APPEAR IN "WHOOPEE."

The greatest names of stage and screen combine in the widely-heralded production of "Whoopie", the Samuel Goldwyn-Florenz Ziegfeld musical riot which is showing at the Queen's Theatre. Its sponsors are respectively the greatest pioneer of the motion picture in America and the musical comedy kind of the American stage. Its star, Eddie Cantor, is known wherever there are theatres as a comic artist of genius. In its stage form, produced by Mr. Ziegfeld in New York, with Cantor in the lead, it ran over a year and a half. Included in its cast are Eleanor Hunt, the red-haired beauty whom Samuel Goldwyn considers one of his greatest finds, Dorothy Knapp, famed "most beautiful girl in the world", Paul Gregory, \$25,000 tenor, Ethel Shattan, and such famous Ziegfeld-clad girls as Jeanne Morgan, Muriel Finley and Virginia Bruce. Thornton Freeland, brilliant young director who is known as one of the fastest rising people of Hollywood, directed this picture.

The stage production of "Whoopie" made New York gasp by its lavish beauty. In the freer medium of the talking screen, "Whoopie" has outdone even its stage incarnation. Such internationally famous beauty spots as Zion National Park furnished the backgrounds for the outdoor scenes. All the technical brilliance of the Goldwyn and Ziegfeld staffs combined were used to make each detail breath-taking in loveliness. Scores of beautiful girls selected from among five thousand applicants by Mr. Goldwyn and Mr. Ziegfeld personally, the expenditure of nearly two million dollars, and months of careful preparation mark "Whoopie" as a new era in picture spectacle. Colour is used lavishly throughout to enrich these unparalleled effects.

Seventy-four changes of scene, 612 different changes of costume, scenes in which four and five hundred people were concerned, are figures which give some idea of the scale with which the Goldwyn-Ziegfeld combination have gone about bringing the fruit of their different experiences into focus for this one picture.

"Billy the Kid"

The "perfect lady" of the stage is getting mighty few parts of that kind in the talking screen!

All of which refers to Kay Johnson, the blonde "Chaire" of King Vidor's exciting Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture, "Billy the Kid", which will open on Sunday at the Queen's Theatre for 4 days.

Miss Johnson, tall, slim, wellbred, gained fame on the stage largely in "society" parts, such as the leads in "Little Accident" and "The Free Soul". When the talkies grabbed her, however, the film producers saw in Miss Johnson excellent feminine material for the rough, tough kind of dramatic situations.

In "Dynamite" she was the bride of a coal-miner.

In "The Spoilers" she played the immortal "Cherry Mallotte". And now, in "Billy the Kid", she is plunged into the midst of the "wild west" during its most stirring years.

"Billy the Kid" is a talking screen adaptation by Wanda Tuschek of the life story of William Bonney, a twelve-year-old desperado, smiling, handsome, daring, who became the most dangerous man in the west. As "Chaire", Kay Johnson comes to Lincoln, New Mexico, storm centre of the cattlemen's war in which Bonney is a participant. The death of Tunstun, Chaire's fiancé, forces the girl to flee to the Southwest, where, in a romantic interest develops between "The Kid" and the beauty from England.

So, instead of drawing rooms and ten-cups, Miss Johnson is tossed into an atmosphere of gunfire and melodrama. She is a participant in the three-day siege of the McQueen home at Lincoln, the most notorious event in all "wild west" history.

John Mack Brown and Wallace Beery have the principal roles in the new Vidor production. Brown playing the part of "The Kid" and Beery giving an outstanding characterization as Sheriff Pat Garrett. Karl Dane is seen as a comic cowboy.

"Tom Sawyer"

America's leading child actor, Jackie Coogan, and America's leading child actress, Mickey Green, are to be seen together for the first time on the screen, in "Tom Sawyer" which opens at the King's Theatre to-day. When Mark Twain wrote his famous book "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer,"

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

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HUGE ACCUMULATION IN AMERICA.

New York, Apr. 22.
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and created such characters as Buckleberry Finn, Becky Thatcher, Aunt Polly and Muff Potter he could scarcely have dreamed of the modern "talkies" in which the people in one of the best-loved books of fiction would really come to life. Paramount has achieved a faithful reproduction, and Mark Twain's original is beautifully and impressively translated to the screen.

In the hands of such capable young players as Jackie Coogan, Mabel Green and Junior Durkin the story is excellently told. When it was first screened it was a tall, of the "talkie" era, and is credited with being one of the most enjoyable things to come out of Hollywood for a long time. It is a film that will thrill the youngsters, and adults will find refreshing enjoyment in the vigorous doings of the child characters.

"The Boudoir Diplomat" is a gem of the talking screen. Seldom, indeed, does the theatre goer have an opportunity to enjoy such a sparkling bit of entertainment as this Universal screen play, which opened an engagement yesterday at the Central Theatre. Sophisticated and clever, its characters are men and women of the world, and its dialogue is brilliant.

The scenes of "The Boudoir Diplomat" are laid in a European kingdom, and the story deals with the intrigues of a nobleman who is attached to an embassy in the capital city. This Baron Valmi, a philandering bachelor, is already deep in an affair with Helene, wife of the Ambassador, his superior in the diplomatic service. And the suspicious Ambassador, as a means of influencing an important decision of the War Minister, instructs Valmi to lavish his customary passionate wooing on the person of Mona, pretty young wife of the Cabinet official. Since the artist Valmi makes a practice of painting a nude miniature of each new flame, Helene's jealousy is aroused, and she appropriates the undraped little painting already made of herself, intent on showing it to her husband and thus bringing down his rage on the head of the inconstant bachelor.

A remarkable cast interprets this highly enjoyable comedy drama. Betty Compson is seen as the stately but ardent Helene.

Mary Duncan as Mona is another charming creature less inclined to jealousy, perhaps, but surely no less ardent. Ian Keith as Valmi makes a blaze, magnetic figure, and the affection which he inspires in the two contending married women is quite understandable. Jeanette Loff, Lawrence Grant and Lionel Belmore are thoroughly praiseworthy in other important roles, and round out a cast which is truly all-star.

Malcolm St. Clair has done a fine bit of directing, and "The Boudoir Diplomat" will even enhance his reputation as a man who is particularly successful in the realm of light, sophisticated comedy. Carl Laemmle, Jr. produced the picture.

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REPORT FROM GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG.

London, Apr. 22.
The Under Secretary for the Colonies, Dr. Drummond Shiels, in the House of Commons to-day, stated that the Governor of Hong-kong had reported that, in 1,851 1,851 corpses of children, aged three and under, picked up in Hongkong

death was due to violence; while 531 of the cases were due to small-pox.—Our Own Correspondent.

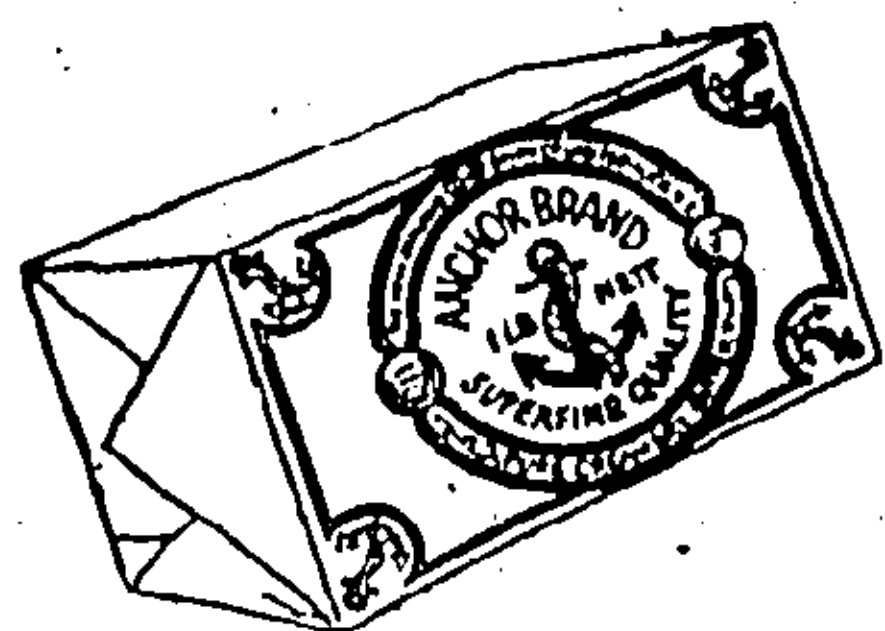
Detailed Figures.

London, Apr. 22.
The finding of corpses of children in the streets of Hongkong was again given attention in the House of Commons when Mr. Graham White asked whether, "seeing that some official information is available with regard to 1,724 out of 1,851 corpses of children, aged three and under, picked up in Hongkong

in 1929," Dr. Shiels would call for a report on the remaining 127 corpses, and whether in any case death was due to violence.

Dr. Shiels replied that out of the 127 bodies, 98 were children of over three years, and 29 were infants of unknown sex.

In reply to an enquiry by Lord Passfield, the Governor had stated that in no case was it found that death was due to violence. The deaths of 681 children were apparently due to small-pox.—*Reuter.*



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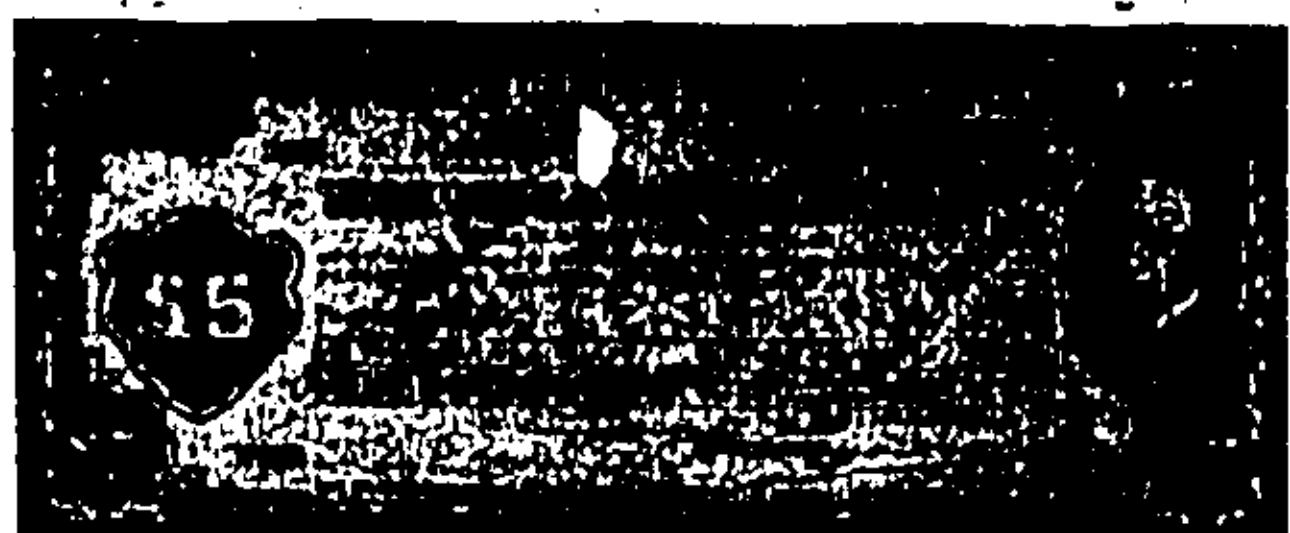
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S.P.C.A. ANNUAL MEETING.

NECESSITY FOR IMPROVING FINANCES.

YEAR'S ACTIVITIES.

Mr. J. Russell presided at the annual meeting of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, held in Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.'s board-room last evening.

Addressing the gathering the President said:

Ladies and gentlemen.—Our balance sheet and statement of accounts has been in your hands for some time. Therefore I will take it as read and ask that some member will move the adoption of same after which I will make some remarks and answer any questions that may be asked.

Referring to the balance sheet, you will note our statement of accounts close as at 31st December 1930, and does not include our Carnival Dance, and donations, received since January of this year. I am more than pleased with the success of our Carnival Dance, not only was it a most pleasant evening, but our finances will benefit to the extent of \$1,000, more than double the profit from our previous ball. Our sincere thanks are due to all those who contributed donations, and those who by their presence insured the success of our annual dance. I should like to mention one very handsome donation received on the evening of the ball, under the signature of "Bees and Nigger," and in memory of "Dear Old Jack."

From this donation we have purchased a silver cup and inscribed it in memory of "Dear Old Jack" from "Bees and Nigger," and this cup has been presented to the Chinese Girl Guides, for their annual essay competition.

You will note from our balance sheet, we started 1930 with a balance of \$3,685, and closed our account with a balance of \$6,060, an increase of \$1,320, which I am sure you will agree reflects great credit on the working of the Society, and on our Secretary and Treasurer for their care in looking after our finances.

Financial Drive.

Our financial drive gave much better results than in previous years, thanks to the scheme put forward by Mrs. Loseby, and the able supervision of our Treasurer, Mr. Black. It is my intention to suggest that a small Sub-Committee be appointed to inquire how we could better invest our money, and who might also consider, how we might increase our funds in order that we might employ at least one more Inspector.

I want to impress upon you the importance of our Society. The Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals with its headquarters in London and branches all over the British Isles, with the King and Queen and most members of the Royal family as patrons, many of its branches presided over by the most influential personage in the district, its annual convention in London, is of great importance, and the life force of many reforms for the better treatment of animals. Here in this Colony we have the honour to have as our patrons His Excellency the Governor and the General Officer Commanding the Colony's forces, to whom we are greatly indebted for their esteemed patronage. With their support and that of the many who by their contributions become members of our local Society here we hope to achieve reforms that will put us in the forefront among the Colonies of the British Empire in the humane method of dealing with animals.

Much work must be done by everyone, to reduce the careless cruelty that now exists. This is work that cannot be hustled or hurried. "Old Custom" is difficult to eradicate, so that we must work by educative methods.

We must obtain the sympathy of the governing bodies, they in their turn, must recognise that our effort is not personal, but in the higher sense, a great desire to help in a public duty.

The Dogs' Home.

Our Dogs' Home at Kowloon fulfils a public want, and we would like to see its usefulness extended, larger premises, more kennels, and a permanent man on duty. Our Inspector attends there twice every day, where advice on the treatment of dogs will be freely given, and where dogs may be left for treatment. We can congratulate ourselves in having a very good man in Mr. Fowler in charge at the home, and also give thanks to members of our committee who take a personal interest in the work of the home. As you will note from the balance sheet, the Sir Robert Ho Tung endowment fund and Mr. M. J. P. Tait's donation help us greatly toward the expenses of the home.

We have now arranged with the Police to take charge of stray dogs found in Hongkong, convey them to the home, and if we can obtain

OPIUM ON "VENEZIA."

SHIP'S PAINTER CONVICTED OF POSSESSION.

A ship's painter, employed on the s.s. Venezia, was charged on remand before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon with the possession of 12 tins of contraband opium.

A Chinese Revenue Officer deposed that, on March 31, he boarded the steamer after its arrival from Macao. He met the accused, who was descending the companion way leading from an upper deck and who, on seeing the officer, threw away one of the packages. This act aroused the officer's suspicions, and he arrested the man. The discarded parcel was found to contain contraband opium.

After hearing the evidence of the defence, which was a complete denial of all knowledge of the two packages, his Worship decided to register a conviction and imposed a fine of \$1,000 or six months' hard labour. His Worship said that he was taking into consideration the fact that the defendant had been in custody for three weeks.

a concession from the press advertisement regularly the dogs detained at Kowloon. This will entail a further expense on the Society, but will prevent the shooting of dogs at Kennedy Town, and I am sure you will agree that 35 dogs being shot in one month calls for some inquiry!

Hence our request to the Police that our Inspector will call at Kennedy Town and remove any dogs not affected with disease to our home at Kowloon. I feel confident you will agree to this work being necessary.

In the conveying and unloading of pigs much still requires to be done, to ensure that the new ordinance issued by the Government is carried out. While we must agree that no obstacles should be placed in the way of our trade in importing and exporting pigs and other cattle, nevertheless it is very necessary to introduce legislation to ensure that those in charge of the animals will have every consideration for their treatment.

We had the honour to be received as a deputation by the Colonial Secretary in connection with the pig traffic, insanitary condition of bird shops, and conditions in the markets. We were well received and much good has come from our talk. Bird shop owners were interviewed by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, when they were told that their shops must be kept clean.

More Powers Wanted.

We would wish for power being given to our Inspectors to take out a summons in the event of any failure to comply with the regulations or cruelty to animals in general. We have not this power, and in one case had to withdraw, on the advice of the Magistrate, from prosecuting in a case in the market. We would like closer co-operation with the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, as our interests seem to me to be identical.

We have a Sub-Committee now working on a scheme to centralise the sale of birds and other animals. That is, to have a building, or part of a building set apart, where dealers in animals will have their stalls, a place that will be well ventilated, with sufficient light, and easy to keep clean.

We should very much like the Government to introduce a Bill to make the use of the humane killer compulsory. This is now being insisted on at Home, and a Bill has been introduced or passed through the Imperial Parliament for this purpose.

Our Essay Competitions fulfil part of our educative method of instilling in the young mind the idea of kindness to animals. We have now three cups, to be competed for annually, and the essays returned show a high degree of thoughtfulness. The result should be of great assistance to our Society.

I again appeal to all Scout Masters, and Girl Guide Leaders, to encourage all their members to obtain the "Friend to Animals Badge." I have had the pleasure of passing several Boy Scouts for this badge, and feel sure enlisted their help in preventing cruelty to animals. I also feel sure it would give our members much encouragement. If we had a Sunday given over to addresses on animal welfare by our Churches, St. Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals, and his day is the 4th of October. This might be kept in view by those religious bodies whose interest I feel sure is with us in our work.

My report has been a long one but it is only once a year an opportunity is given to make public our work during our term of office.

Before closing, I wish to thank all members of the Committee for the generous support they have given me during my term as President. When taking over office I did so with diffidence, looking back to the illustrious names of

CORRESPONDENCE.

"Ingagi" Criticised.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir.—In this Colony, where there is already far too much ignorant cruelty to animals, a film like "Ingagi" ought to be prohibited. How can one chase Chinese for ill-treating and neglecting animals after assisting at a spectacle in which two white men, one with a handle to his name, indulge in a general massacre of every beast they come across, obviously enjoy it and appear to be thoroughly proud of it.

It may be necessary to kill beasts for food, self-protection or commerce, but it should never be a pleasure to do so, and the fact that it is a pleasure to some people does not make the enjoyment of cruelty any more of a desirable characteristic.

There are some things which we all know happen, but of which we are not proud and which we prefer not to think much about—the proceedings in a slaughter-house for instance. At any rate, we do not get shown films of it, or we might enjoy our beefsteak less. Equally we are not proud of the existence in our midst of the killer who kills for the joy of it; but here he is presented to us in a series of scenes of butchery which are not "Hollywood" but real. The thing is a carnival of bloodshed, rendered more nauseating by the fact that the animals are invariably either unsuspecting or attempting to escape. After watching the "bumping off" of about eleven species of beasts by these civilized gunmen, I left the theatre without waiting to see the gorillas bumped off in their turn, feeling as if I had spent an afternoon in an abattoir and ashamed of my own countrymen. "It's a fine day—let's go out and kill something" is a reproach too often levelled at Englishmen: it is humiliating to see it publicly proved correct.

Films of unrelieved brutality are supposed to be barred; unless brutality to beasts is regarded as not being brutality. It is difficult to see how this film, depicting revolting barbarity, can ever have passed the Censor.

H. T.

those who had occupied this chair. From the results of our year's activities I feel sure you will agree our effort has not been wasted.

Expression of Thanks.

On your behalf I have to thank the Press of the Colony for their generous help, especially so during our financial drive and carnival dance. Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co. for the use of their board-room, where we can hold our meetings once every month and our annual meeting; the Government for their generous donation and assistance; the Jockey Club for their annual contribution; and to all who have contributed so generously to our support. A word of special praise is due to our Secretary who working in an honorary capacity has kept the wheels going round with great credit. To our Treasurer, Mr. Black, who owing to pressure of work has had to retire from our Society we extend our thanks and good wishes. We thank Mr. I. W. G. Hight, for very kindly auditing our accounts.

I know it is invidious to single out members of a Committee for special thanks, but I am sure you will give a vote of thanks to Mrs. Loseby for her great interest in the work of the Society, by introducing new matter to our attention especially the financial drive scheme, and the new bird market plan; also to Mrs. Anderson for her publicity effort in designing our poster and decorations at our dance.

The general public we thank for all its sympathy and help toward the animals of the Colony. The love of animals will beget the love for our fellow men, and love and love alone is the basic principle of creation.

Our work will be measured by the support we obtain, and I can assure you your trust will not be misplaced. (Applause.)

Election of Officials.

The meeting proceeded with the election of officers for the current year, the following being appointed: President, Mr. J. Russell; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. D. A. Hutchison; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. H. P. White.

The following were elected en bloc to form the Committee for 1931:

Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Baker, Hon. Mr. J. P. Bragg, Mr. E. H. Dovey, Mrs. Forrest, Miss Grace Ho Tung, Lady Ho Tung, Mr. H. Owen Hughes, Miss G. Hoard, Mr. S. W. Ko, Mrs. Loseby, Mrs. do Martin, Mr. N. J. Porritt, Mrs. M. H. Roffey, Mr. H. S. Rouse, Mr. M. P. Tait, Mr. H. C. Tregillus, Mrs. P. J. Wodehouse and Dr. K. C. Yeo.

A vote of thanks to the outgoing officials was heartily accorded. This closed the business of the meeting.



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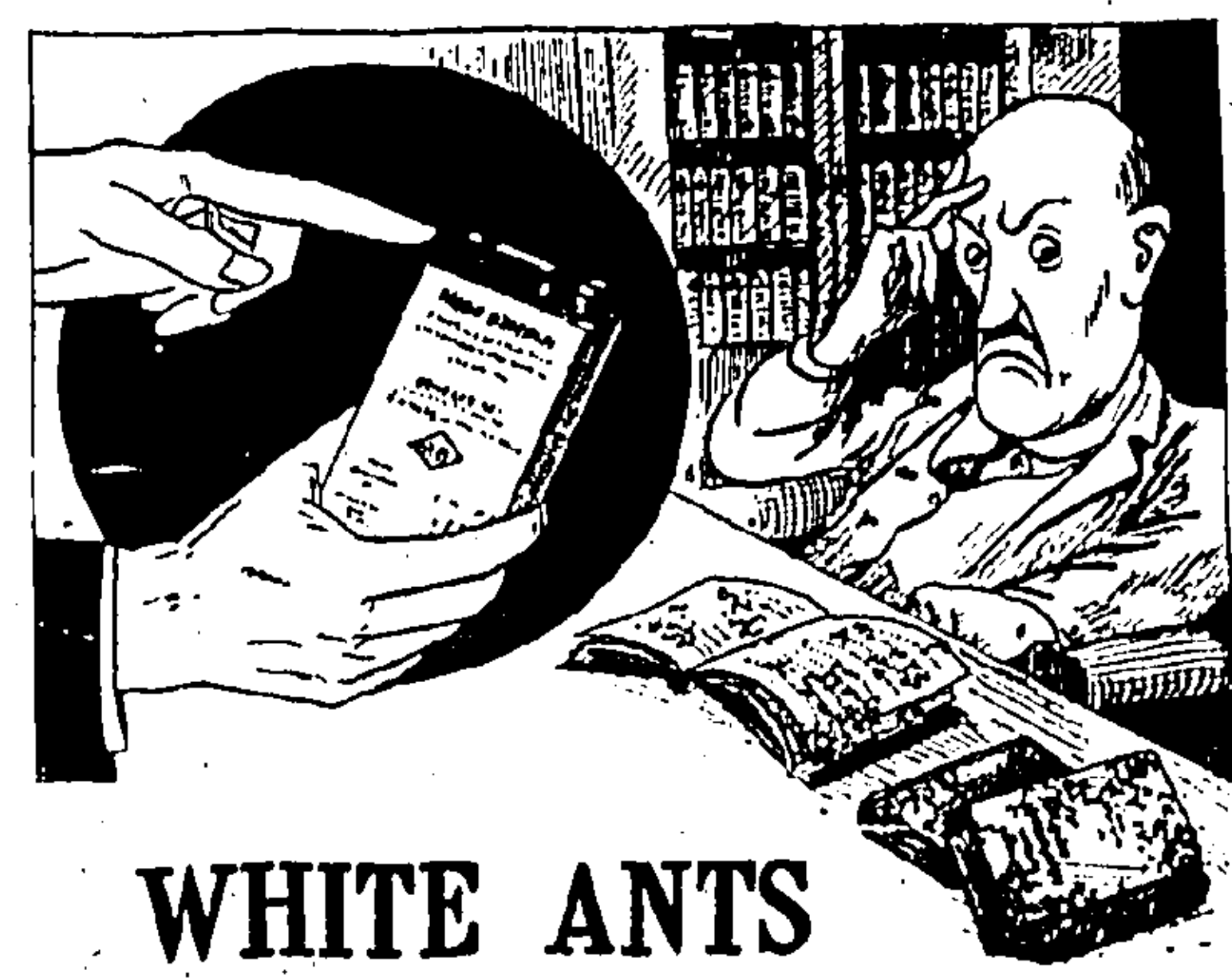
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For Ginger's Sake.

By ETHEL HUESTON.

CHAPTER XLII.

"Why, they're a regular gang, aren't they?" Ginger cried. "Benito's gang. Isn't Iowa setting tough?"

But they explained that it was no gang, that Benito had been freeloading on his own account and to the horror of his countrymen. Little Angelo had taken the first train back to his mother in Chicago. He couldn't think of remaining longer in a place where such horrible crimes were committed; his mother wouldn't like it.

Pietro, on the other hand, did not wish to leave at all. He was waiting to talk it over with Ginger. He said it was a good job. And he liked it, and if Miss Ginger was willing he'd cook her spaghetti for life!

"Oh, Phil," teased Ginger, "how ever did you get the idea that maybe I was bored?"

Almost with consciousness it self returned the memory that Cotton was the wife of Speed.

"And I hope," she said slyly, settling herself more comfortably within Bard's arm, "that you do not feel so very badly about that."

"I don't feel badly about it at all. The only thing I regret is that my portrait painting has been so interrupted. I'm in a great hurry now to get enough money for us to get married on."

"Perhaps," she suggested brightly, "Phil will be willing to lend as some of the ransom money. It was really you who saved it for her."

But she lapsed presently into troubled thought.

"Bard," she said at last, with a sigh, "I have something to tell you. You're going to be disappointed in me, I know. But you may as well have the truth before you begin saving money."

"It sounds very terrible," he said, smiling.

"It is terrible. You see, it's like this. I'm not really what you think I am at all."

"What? You are the sweetest!" "Yes, but listen. I'm not really sophisticated and smart and worldly as I've been letting on. Not a bit. I'm really I'm just the same old parsonage. Ginger that I always was. You know, Bard, you can't outgrow things when you get to be my age. I'm sort of ashamed of it, in a way, but on the whole it's comfortable, too."

"What do you mean, Ginger?" "Why, being old-fashioned like I am. You know, Bard, I still say my prayers. Yes, really. Not before people, but I do. And believe me, when I get in a jam I say them in earnest! Every time I half came to in that boat I was just praying my head off. Don't tell the others. How Eddy Jackson would laugh!"

Bard's eyes were misty. He crossed her hand, pressed it to his lips. He did not speak.

"And the way I can preach," she continued, "it's all put on. Really, I still think preachers are quite corking nice ones, that is, like father. And Bard don't tell this, but I don't like to see Cotton smoke. I'd much rather she didn't. But don't ever give me away, will you?"

"Is that all of the confession?" She sighed a little. "It seemed no more than fair to tell you," she said regretfully. "But I knew you would be disappointed in me."

"But Ginger," he said laughing, "you know—tell you the truth—I suspected it all the time."

Ginger was wordlessly amazed. "You often gave yourself away."

He went on. "Just little things that would crop out now and then." "Oh, dear," she said. "What a frump I must be!"

Bard stood up. "Guess I'd better get at those portraits," he said. "Every hour I lay off work now is just so many days I haven't got you."

Ginger brightened. "You mean you—you are going to stick to it?" she said. "Parsonage and all?"

"Parsonage and all," he declared firmly.

But when it came to breaking the news to Eddy Jackson—dear, faithful Eddy Jackson!—tried and true friend through the harrowing vicissitudes of so many years, her happiness clouded a little.

She sent every one else away and had him come, alone, and sit beside her on the bed.

"Eddy," she said, burrowing her head into the silken cushions and reaching feverishly for his hands, "these kind hands that had stented her troubled steps through so many, many years! Eddy, it's like this," she began. "You know how hard it don't you?"

"No," said Eddy. "How is he?" "He's all right," she said, slightly disconcerted. "I mean, you know how his disposition is."

"It's pretty rotten sometimes," I think," said Eddy critically.

"I mean, he is careless," said Ginger more firmly. "He's just an artist, and really, in some ways, he hasn't got so very much sense. He would just go on painting portraits after portrait and pay for the paints and canvases himself and never ask anybody for a cent of money if I wasn't right there to nudge him. He's just got to have somebody to take care of him and remind him of things he forgets like getting the money. Don't you see how it is?"

"Well, I don't just see it," admitted Eddy. "But if you say he hasn't got much sense, I suppose he hasn't."

"That isn't what I mean. Dear me! What I mean is that—dear, dear Eddy! I hope you won't think for a minute that I love him or anybody half as much as I do you, who have been my friend for so many years, but if somebody doesn't marry him and take care of him, he's going to get himself into some perfectly terrible jam. And I don't think anyone else—really wants to do it, he's such a responsibility. So—I'm afraid I'll have to."

To Ginger's utter amazement, Eddy, far from being cast down at the news, burst into hearty laughter.

"Ginger, you sly little devil," he said. "Don't you think you can go on pulling the wool over my eyes the rest of your life? I've seen through you for years. Yes, you love me all right, after a fashion, the way you love your father, and Ben and Jenky, but the way you love this Bard chap is something else again."

Ginger flushed faintly and burst out laughing at the cushions.

"I hope you aren't surprised," he said, "but I'm darn glad of it. I'm tired out. To tell you the truth, Pat and I have come to understand each other pretty well, and we have agreed that as soon as we get you off our hands we'll get married ourselves and take a long rest."

"You and Pat! You mean me?" "Nobody else."

"And will she do it?" "She says so."

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"Oh, Eddy!" cried Ginger. "That's just gorgeous! Then Bard and I will switch things around at Mill Rush and chuck out the club and go and live there with Pietro to cook for us. And I'll be right on hand to go on managing father and Phil—and I can sort of keep an eye on you and Pat, too. Tell Bard to come, quick!"

But before he reached the door she called after him. "No, don't interrupt him. He may be working on those portraits."

But it was not necessary to postpone their plans for the painting of portraits.

A few weeks later Marker was in possession of news of such tremendous importance that he took the first train to Red Thrush at his own expense—to deliver it in person.

It seemed that Mexico had not witnessed the first co-operative efforts of Messrs. Giovanni and Benito. They had been allied long before that in a different sort of business, far more sinister in their native Italy, where they were listed as political offenders and where "there was a price on their heads." Marker and Holt lost not a moment in picking up Giovanni, making one feather in their professional bonnet since they could not attach much credit as concerned Benito.

They had taken the matter up with Italian consuls and representatives of the law in this country, and found that instead of bringing Benito to trial in Iowa—an expensive and unpleasant proceeding at best—he could be reported to Italy as an undesirable alien. And the Italian consul assured

them that the government would take care of him at the other end, and would gladly reimburse them for their time and trouble to the extent of that price on their heads, which amounted to no less than \$10,000 apiece.

Marker reported the situation in great detail and with evident relish, strongly advising Mrs. Toliver to relieve herself of the annoyance of prosecution and to accept the consolation of \$10,000.

He assured her that arrangements had already been made for the bon voyage of Giovanni, who, he was confident, would be deeply grateful for the companionship of his faithful old friend and comrade, Benito.

Phil professed a complete lack of interest.

"It's none of my business, one way or the other," she said. "Ask Bard. It is entirely up to him."

"To me!" ejaculated Bard. "Why, it doesn't make the least difference in the world to me! Whatever you think best of course."

"Well, would you rather have the fun of sending Benito to the pen for life, or \$10,000 cash?" Phil wanted to know.

"It's no fun sending anybody to the pen, as far as I can see. And money is always money! Who would not?"

"Oh, stupid!" she cried, laughing. "What do you think Mr. Marker came out here for? Wasn't it you who caught him?"

Ginger ran across and nudged him, slowly and with purpose. Her face was rapt and shining.

"Bard," she whispered, "take the money! Art is perfectly wonderful, of course, but—really, it is a little slow—when one's waiting!"

The End.

QUESTION OF EXTRALITY.

REFERENCE TO SECRET DIPLOMACY.

London, Apr. 22.

Replying to questions in the House of Commons, Mr. Arthur Henderson said that the only negotiations now proceeding with the Chinese Government concerned extrality.

If, as he hoped, the negotiations proved successful, they would result in a treaty, and in accordance with the usual practice, there would be an opportunity to debate it in the House of Commons before ratification.

Mr. Wardlaw Milne asked whether the question of the future of Shanghai was included in the negotiations, and Mr. Henderson replied that he had had that point in his mind, but was not in a position to make any statement at present.

Mr. Wardlaw Milne urged that the House was entitled to some information, "before any negotiations are conducted with a Government which is quite incapable of looking after its own nationals, far less the British."

Mr. Henderson replied, "That is another matter."

A Labour member asked, "Is not this secret diplomacy again?"

Mr. Henderson asked for due notice of a question by Mr. Godfrey Locker Lampson as to whether the negotiations were being carried on on the basis of the report issued by the Extraterritorial Mission a few years ago.—*Reuter*.

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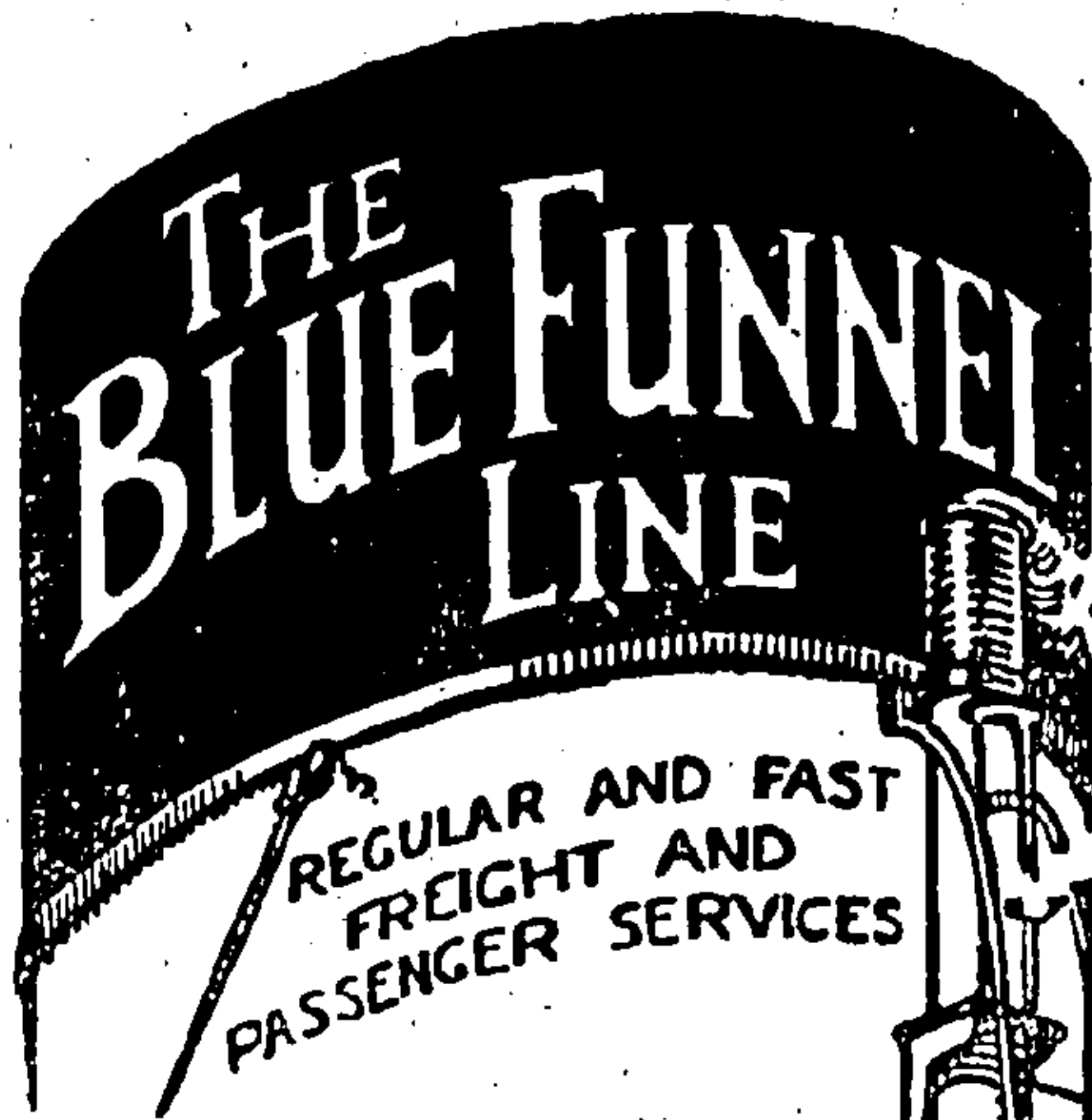
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Canton, Apr. 22. Regarding the suggestion of constructing a railway connecting Fatshan, Chungshan and Canton, forming an extension to the existing Canton-Sumshui Railway, an official of the Chungshan Port Construction Committee told a representative of our news service that the Government has appointed Mr. Pang Wai as chief engineer to make preliminary surveys of this line.

The surveying work between Chungshan and Shuntak districts has been completed. The total estimate for the construction of this line will be announced in the near future.

The Chungshan Port Committee is contemplating collecting the support of overseas Chinese merchants in connection with the construction of the Tong Ka Wan free port and the railway.—*Reuter.*

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New York, Apr. 22. Helium, the non-inflammable gas, is being manufactured in large quantities for a huge dirigible, the Akron, which is being built at Akron, Ohio, to be floated in May or June.

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Major Craigh suggested that to arouse a greater interest in aviation among the general population, Kai Tak might be popularised by the provision of a restaurant, swimming bath, and facilities for dances and social functions, thus bringing the aerodrome more into the public eye. As regards stimulating interest in practical aviation, there could be lectures and competitive flying, such as a prize for a three-cornered flight between Hongkong, Canton and Macao.

With regard to developing Hongkong as an aviation port, he suggested workshops could be erected, an up-to-date weather bureau, aerodrome lighting, wireless, alternative landing grounds, and facilities for easy insurance of machines, passengers and goods. Speaking on how the Hongkong Flying Club could be assisted, Major Craigh spoke of giving flights to the public, the purchase of second-hand machines, the encouraging of gliding, and a financial drive.

Local aviation in general was discussed at some length, the many difficulties already encountered being pointed out, such as an uncompleted aerodrome, lack of accommodation until the new hangar is completed, and the restricted area for private flying without obtaining permission from the Chinese authorities.

The general feeling of the meeting seemed to be that, as yet, flying on a commercial scale was premature, and was hardly likely to be started until the aerodrome and hangar are completed. It was decided to advertise aviation as much as possible and get business firms interested in order to create air-mindedness. Another meeting could be held towards the end of the present year, when conditions might be more favourable for the purpose of endeavouring to form a syndicate and exploit the possibilities of commercial aviation for profit.

FURTHER QUAKES.

NEW ZEALAND AGAIN SEVERELY SHAKEN.

Wellington, N.Z., Apr. 22. A severe earthquake occurred in the Hawkes Bay district, not long ago the scene of a disastrous series of shocks, this morning.

The inhabitants were thrown into a panic and rushed into the open air.

The walls of many partly demolished buildings at Napier, which suffered so severely the last time, were shaken down.—*Reuter.*

Bologna, Apr. 22. A slight earthquake occurred here yesterday, but no damage resulted.—*Reuter.*

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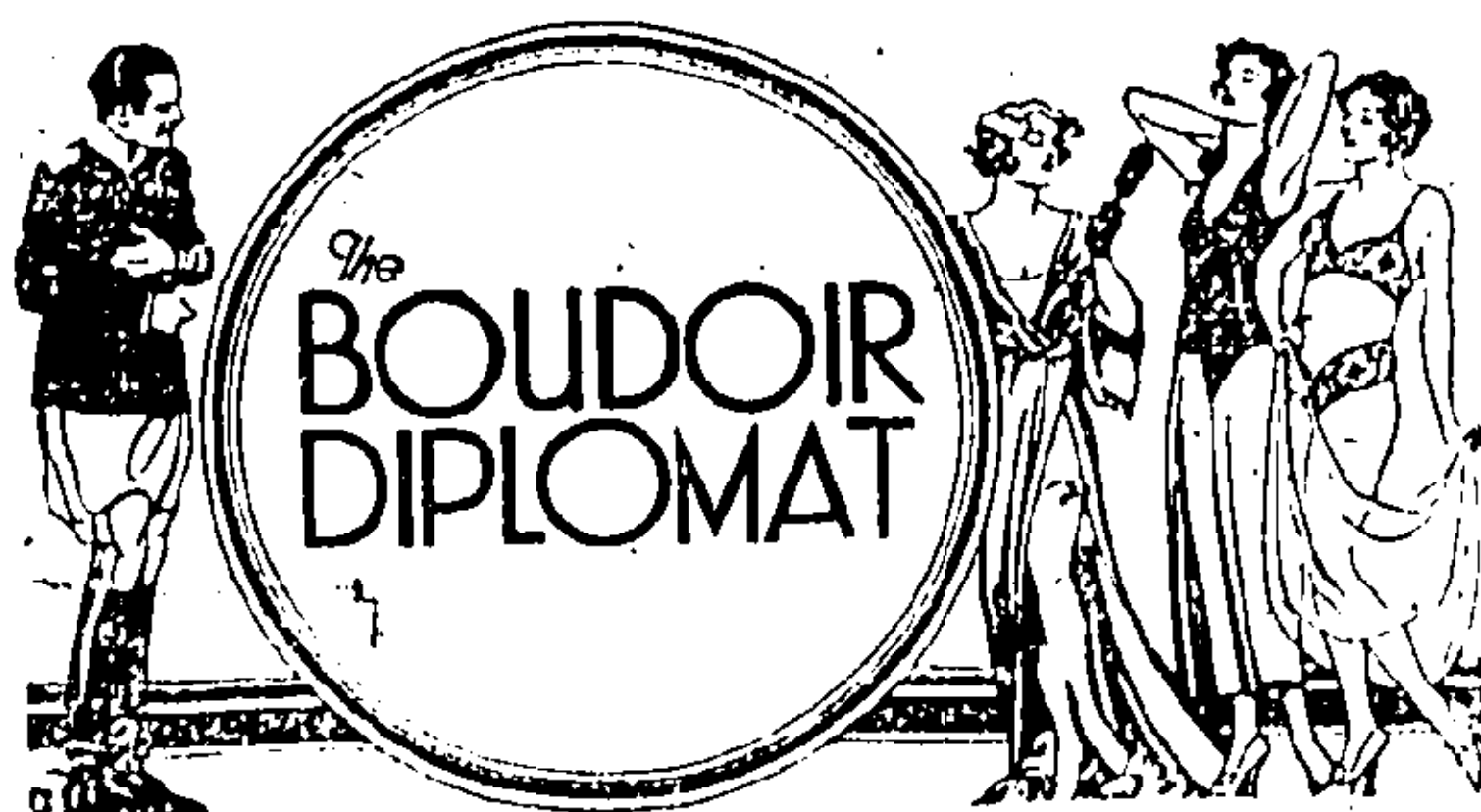
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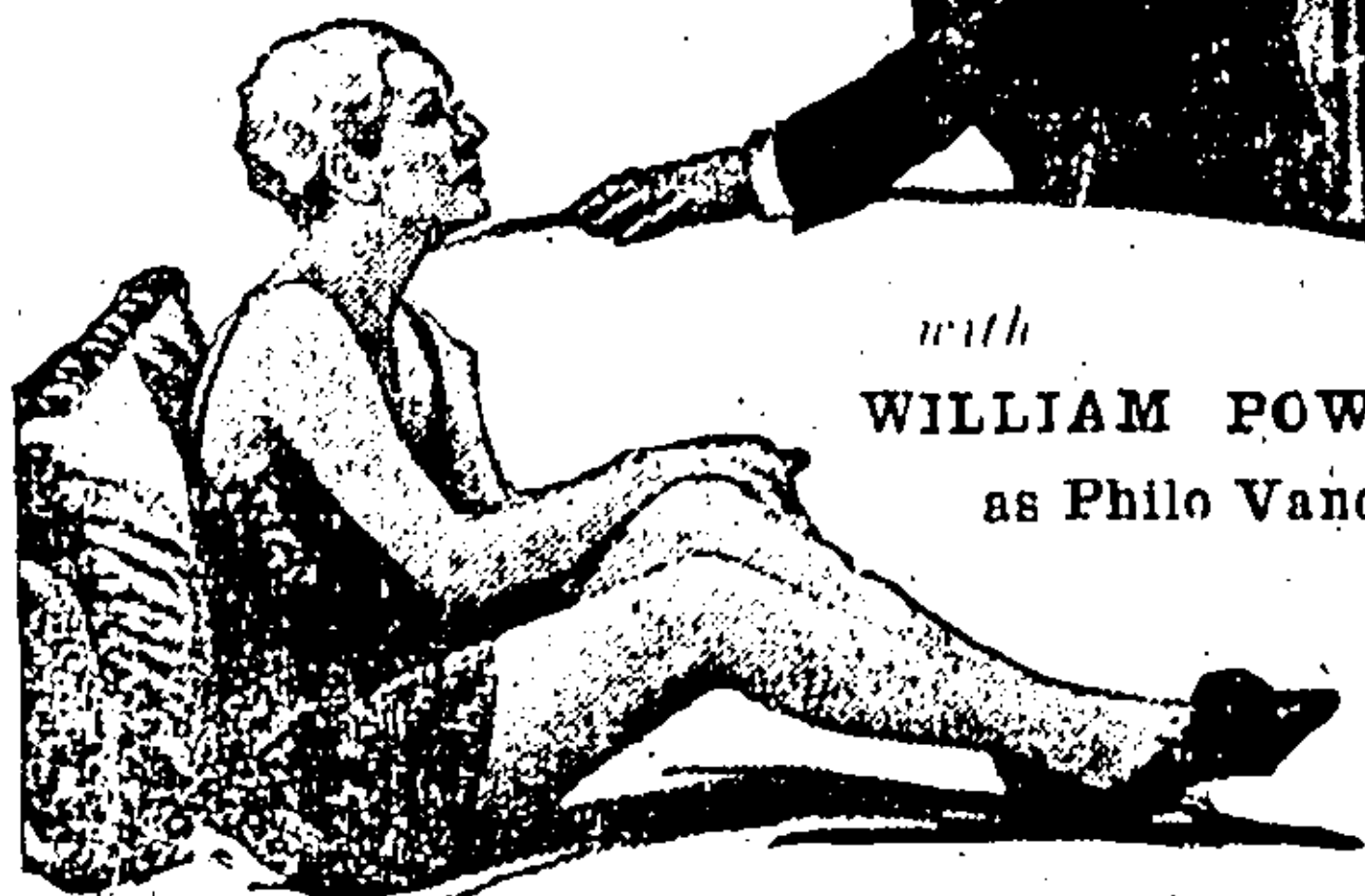
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THE SINO-RUSSIAN PROBLEMS.

GOOD PROGRESS MADE AT
CONFERENCE.

Shanghai, Apr. 23.
Good progress marked the
fourth meeting of the Moscow
Conference on Thursday, when
General Moh Teh-hui continued
to discuss with the Russian dele-
gates the purchasing by the
Nationalist Government of the
C.E.R.R.

The Russian delegates suggest
that the preliminary negotiations
should first be confined to the
price which the Chinese Govern-
ment is willing to pay to cover
expenses incurred in connexion
with the construction of this
Railway before proceeding with
the legal procedure governing the
restoration of the line to Chinese
administration.

The Nanking Government has
appointed two experts on Sino-
Russian problems to proceed to
Moscow to assist General Moh
Teh-hui. The question of pur-
chasing the railway will be con-
sidered by a Committee of Chinese
delegates who will centre their
attention on the settlement of the
C.E.R.R. dispute, while the question
of restoration of Sino-Russian
political relations will be studied
by another committee of delegates.
Further.

THE EXTRALITY PROBLEM.

BRITISH AND AMERICANS
IN CONCERT.

Nanking, Apr. 23.
A spokesman of the Nanking
Government, commenting on the
extrality negotiations said, that
the British and U.S. Governments
were proceeding on similar lines
and were adopting the same
attitude to the Nationalist aspira-
tion for the abolition of extrality
privileges.

The French Government, how-
ever, was adopting an attitude
which might prove a real obstacle
to a final solution. — *Reynolds.*

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports
that the anticyclone is central
near Shanghai. Pressure is low
over Indo-China.

Siberian Mail Charges.

Volume Steady In
Spite of Rise.

JUSTIFICATION.

Although since April 1, letters
to Europe sent via Siberia have
cost local residents in postage, 250
per cent. more than prior to that
date, there has been no decrease
in the use of the quick route,
according to Post Office officials.
The new rates of 20 cents per
letter, if via Siberia, and 12 cents
if via Suez, have operated for
three weeks, and so far there has
been no disavowal of the former
route.

RADIO BROADCAST PROGRAMMES.

Henceforth, the local radio
broadcast programme will ap-
pear daily on Page 7 of the
Telegraph. Being always on the
same page, it will be
found easy for reference by
those interested.

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route.

Replying to a question as to
why local rates have been further
increased, whilst letters from
England still only cost the senders
1½d., our representative was
reminded that the sterling value
of 20 cents was, at present, only a
fraction over 2d., and that, ex-
pressed in Hongkong money, it cost
correspondents in England 14
cents each letter via Suez or Siberia.

Need For Increase.

The main factor necessitating
increase at this end was that when
local rates for the use of either
the Siberian or Suez routes re-
mained at 4 cents, it cost the
Post Office 18 cents a letter to
despatch via Siberia and Northern
Europe, a loss of 14 cents per
letter. This, coupled with the
phenomenal decline of the dollar,
could not be maintained and the
present rate of 20 cents is roughly

ELECTIONS UNDER HANDICAPS.

EQUALISING CONDITIONS
FOR RICH AND POOR.

London, Apr. 22.
The Commons to-day resumed
consideration of the Electoral
Reform Bill, which not been before
the House since the defeat of the
Government before the recess on
the clause abolishing University
representation, and debated the
clause prohibiting the use of
motorcars on polling day except
those placed at the disposal of the
Returning Officers.

Opposition Speakers, declared
the provision unworkable.
In reply, the Home Secretary,
Mr. T. R. Clynes, while not claim-
ing perfect draftsmanship for the
clause, said the Government's
object was to equalise conditions
poor and rich candidates.
— *British Wireless.*

FRENCH NAVAL PROPOSALS.

HANDED TO BRITAIN AND
ITALY.

London, Apr. 22.
The French Ambassador to-day
handed to the British Government,
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what it now costs the authorities
to despatch.

It was also pointed out that the
Post Office has many different
flat rate charges to meet in send-
ing the Siberian mails—imposi-
tions at Shanghai, the Manchurian
Railway, the Siberian Railway, Rus-
sia, Poland, Germany, Holland, the
Dutch Maritime Customs and in
England, having to be met in
each instance. The burden on the
Hongkong Post Office was far
greater than that facing the
postal authorities in England.

Actually it is more advantage-
ous to the local Post Office when
correspondents use the Suez route,
as the cost is much lower, the only
flat charges being to shipping
companies, and entry and despatch
into and from France.

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